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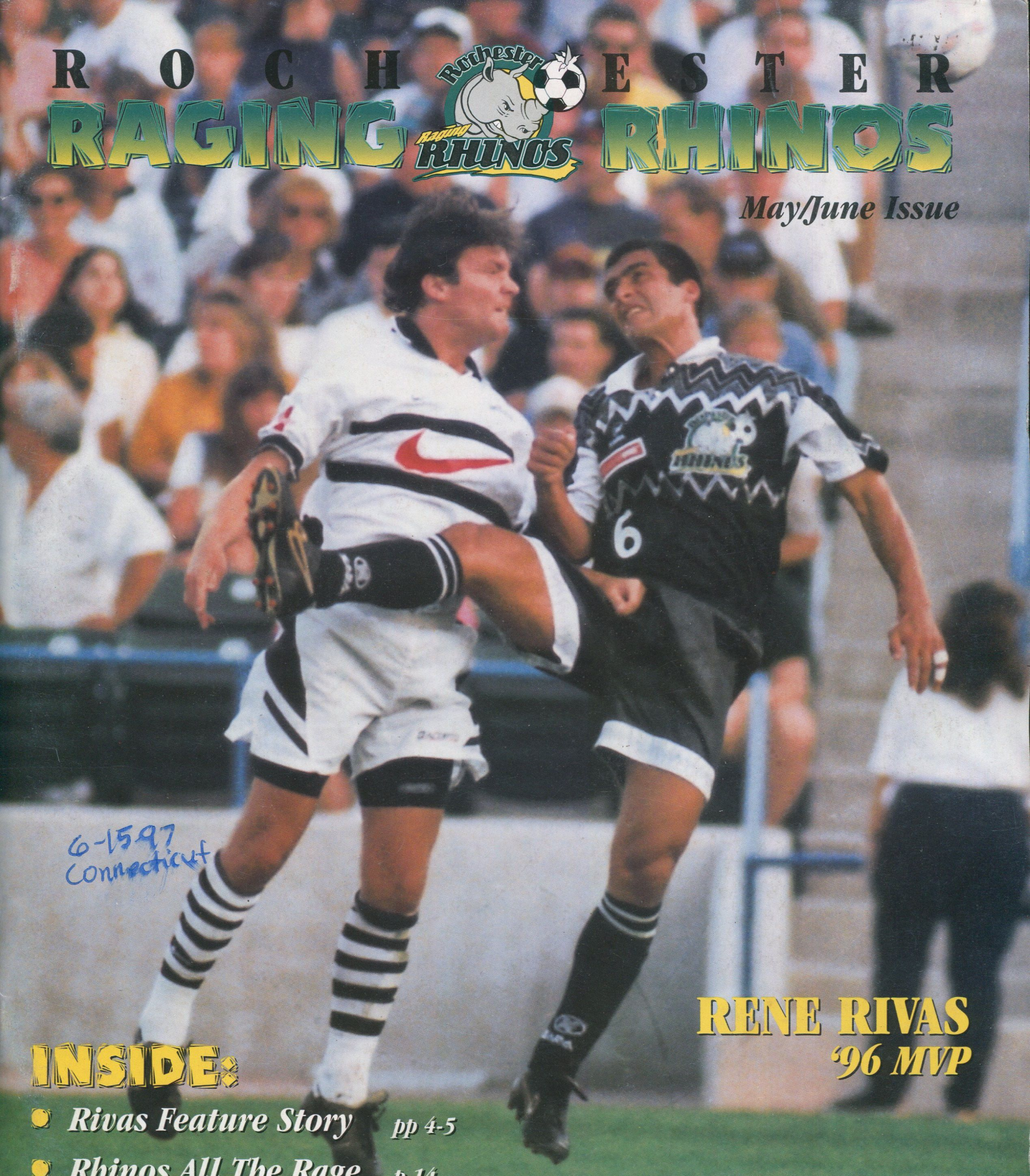

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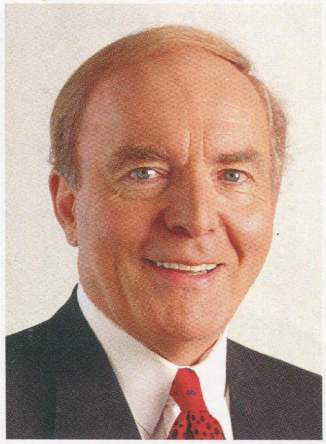

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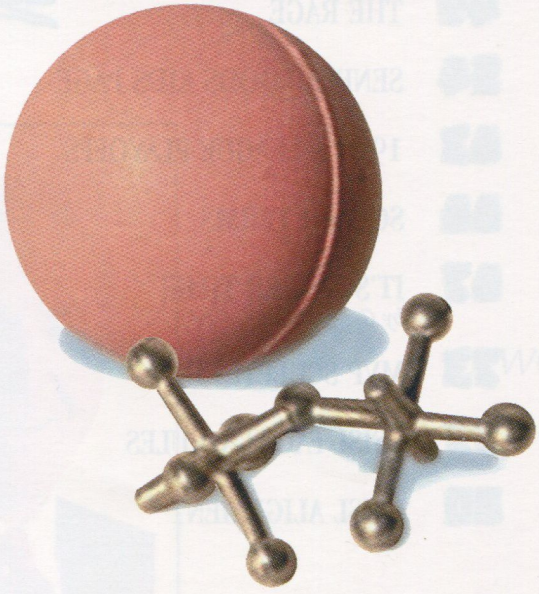

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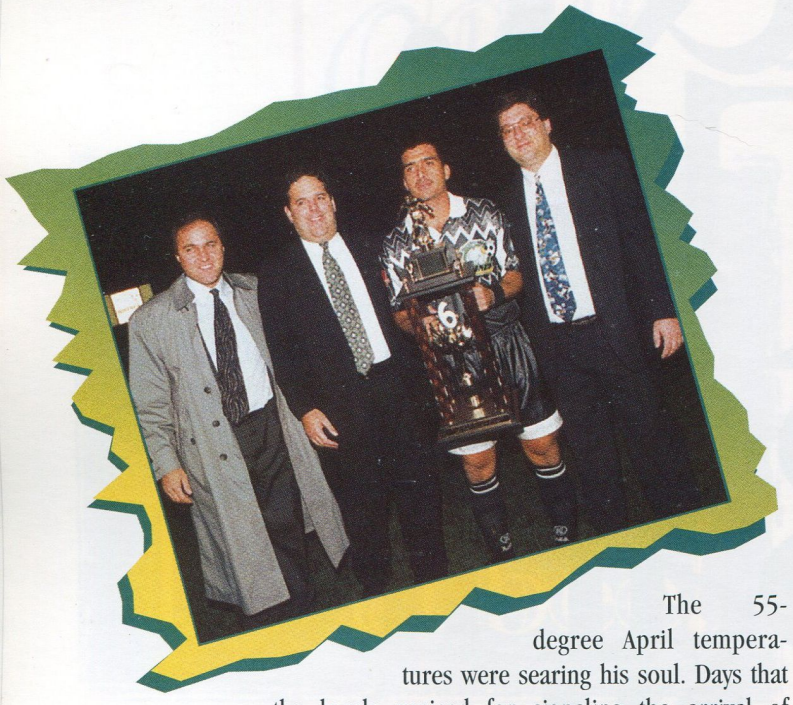

The 55-degree April temperatures were searing his soul. Days that the locals praised for signaling the arrival of Rochester's spring were frigid for Rene Rivas, a 27-year-old soccer player with tropical blood and no family around to warm him up.

Rivas has spanned the globe to the point where it might make Jim McKay blush. He lived in Spain for a decade before moving to Rio de Janiero at the age of 12. He sacrificed his schoolwork for Brazil's two unwritten religions - soccer and beaches - but later kicked his habits in exchange for a full-time education. He learned, he married, he fathered a child and he returned to soccer, playing professionally in Brazil and Portugal and almost Japan. And in February of 1996, despite no knowledge of the city, the coach, the team, the English language or just how long he'd be away from his beloved wife and son, Rivas moved to Rochester.

And, he was cold.

"I was scared," recalls Rivas in language that is discernably English and universally candid. "It was the first year of the team, I didn't know anything about the fans and I spoke no English."

Rivas credits the Rochester crowds for a major part of his indoctrination to the Rhinos, to American professional soccer and to the United States. Now he brings a flamboyance and a fearlessness to the Rhinos for a second season. A trip to the A-League championship game and a popularity explosion greeted the team in its first season, whetting Rivas's desire for an encore.

"Rochester is a special city," said Rivas, a defender. "I didn't expect that people would be as friendly as they were."

It wasn't warm and friendly in April of last year when Rivas arrived. It was cold - by his standards - and in May, the team struggled to a 1-and-7 start in front of average crowds at the University of Rochester while awaiting the birth of Frontier Field. But despite discouragement over loneliness and losing, Rivas saw the light glimmering.

It shone on his smiling face on July 12, 1996, the day that Rochester will denote as the arrival of its shiny, new stadium. The Rhinos opened it with a roar, rallying from a 2-0 deficit to defeat Montreal 3-2. Rivas won't forget that date for two reasons: the stadium and the arrival of his wife, Fernanda, and 7-year-old son, Pedro, from Rio.

"I remember picking them up at the airport," said Rivas, whose wife gave birth to their first daughter, Mariana, in April. "It was five hours before the game. Then we went and played at the new stadium, and the crowd and the beautiful field, and we won the game. Everything was perfect that day."

Rivas had an idea that Rochester would support the team even when they were languishing at Fauver, searching for an identity on the field and building one off of it.

"When we were losing at home, playing the second and the third game, the fans were still coming," he said. "I thought to myself, this is a good sign.

"Because the fans, they are so important when you play at home. Sometimes, you get tired and you have no oxygen, and you look around and they're backing you, and you say to yourself, 'Hey, you gotta run.' They are the inspiration."

Skeptics suggest that crowds at Frontier for the 1997 season will decrease slightly because the novelty of the stadium has worn off. The Rhinos share it with minor-league baseball's Rochester Red Wings and know that the paint on the stadium is most definitely dry.

But the Rhinos are building something just as significant to fans, and to Rivas: a champion. And Rivas knows that it is the team's success, and its drive, that will lead the fans to Frontier.

"American people like the show," he said. "They like to be at the game, staying with their family and having a good time. They like the attractions and the fireworks. But they also like nice soccer. And I think as the season went, more and more people were there to watch the game. Every time we play well, we catch somebody from the other group."

"The big thing is we work hard all the time, and the people of Rochester like that and understand that. Yes, they want us to be a champion team, and I think we are on the way of doing that. They expect hard work. If we don't make the championship game, they still respect the jersey."

The idea that Rochester could have three champions in a 15-month span isn't ludicrous. The Amerks won the Calder Cup in June of 1996, the Knighthawks won lacrosse's North American Cup this April, and the Rhinos were runners-up in the A-League last year.

"I think we have the team to go forward and win the championship," Rivas said. "But there are 24 teams now, and I think there will probably be a big surprise team like Rochester that surprised everyone last season."

"But we should be better than last year, because the coach knows more about his players, the players know more about each other, having played with each other, and the players know more about the coach."

Two people are most responsible for bringing the flashy Rivas to Rochester: his brother and his coach.

A six-month stint with S.C. Campomaior, the champion of the Portugal Professional League, has ended and Rivas went looking for another opportunity. He made a deal to play in the 1996 season in Japan but said that "agents" and "politics" made him reconsider. His brother, who lives in Miami, told Rene about Major League Soccer, which was entering its first season. Rene then gave his brother the equivalent of a soccer resume, which his brother distributed to American teams of all levels.

Rhinos coach Pat Ercoli received it and made some calls. He checked with contacts in Portugal and decided to invite Rivas to Rochester.

"My brother called me and said, 'We have a team now. We can wait for MLS or we can sign on with the team'," Rivas said. "There is a lot of risk with MLS. You don't know about the league because it was their first year. So I decided to come to Rochester."

When he arrived, Rivas had an injury that slowed him for the preseason and the early part of the schedule. Ercoli admitted wondering about Rivas' commitment.

"There's always that stigma with foreign players, that once they're hurt a little they stay out a long time," Ercoli said. "But I checked it out and it turns out this was a serious injury, it was legitimate. Then three weeks later he was able to play. He is a very dedicated, hard-working player."

Rivas is dedicated to many things: his family, his game, and not least of all his comprehension of English. He carries a dictionary around so that if he hears a word or phrase that is unfamiliar, he memorizes the sound, writes it down if he can, and looks it up at his first chance. His English now is impressive, considering his primary knowledge of the language comes from TV and a worldly locker room where accented dialects are as prevalent as shinguards.

Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of Riva's professional life is his sense of commitment to Rochester, his adopted home. He was a definite MLS candidate in the off-season, if you consider:

- His aggressiveness on the field. He led the Rhinos in fouls (56) and led the Rhinos defenders in scoring (2 goals, 4 assists). He scored twice in Rochester's 2-1 playoff victory over Montreal that clinched the semifinal series, two games to one.
- His versatility. Along with his offensive ability from the backline, Rivas played midfield at times and was called to shoot in three shootout games.
- His background. Rivas has three championships with Flamengo in the Brazilian Junior League and a finals appearance in the 1992 Brazilian Cup to go with his title in Portugal. He has also played for America and Sao Cristovao in the Brazilian Professional League and this year made his first run at indoor soccer, for the Buffalo Blizzard of the National Professional Soccer League. A groin injury suffered toward the end of the indoor season kept him out of Rochester's 3-1 season-opening win at Hershey.

Despite his credentials, Rivas says he did not pursue any opportunity outside of Rochester for 1997.

"I'm not stupid. Sometimes I say look, I played in front of 150,000 people in each game in the Brazil championships. You say to yourself, come on, you can play in the big leagues, you can play in MLS. You have to have this in your mind."

"At the same time, MLS is not that much different than this," he said. "Here, they give everything for you, all this support. Why would you want more? Here, they have everything necessary to have a successful team: the crowds, the city... played in Buffalo and didn't move there. Why? Because I have friends here and want to stay here."

"I like that the people here recognize my job. In a bigger city, that may not happen because there are so many other sports. I enjoy the kids; I can't believe how many kids play soccer here."

"But most of all, I owe it to Rochester and to the team. They gave me the chance to play here before I came to America. They went to the championship game. I want to pay back the confidence they gave to me and stay here."

Rivas, with Brazil and Portugal and Spain in his blood and in his soul, is warming up to Rochester just fine.

Best of luck this season from the staff at

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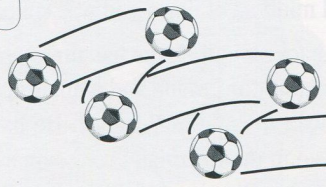

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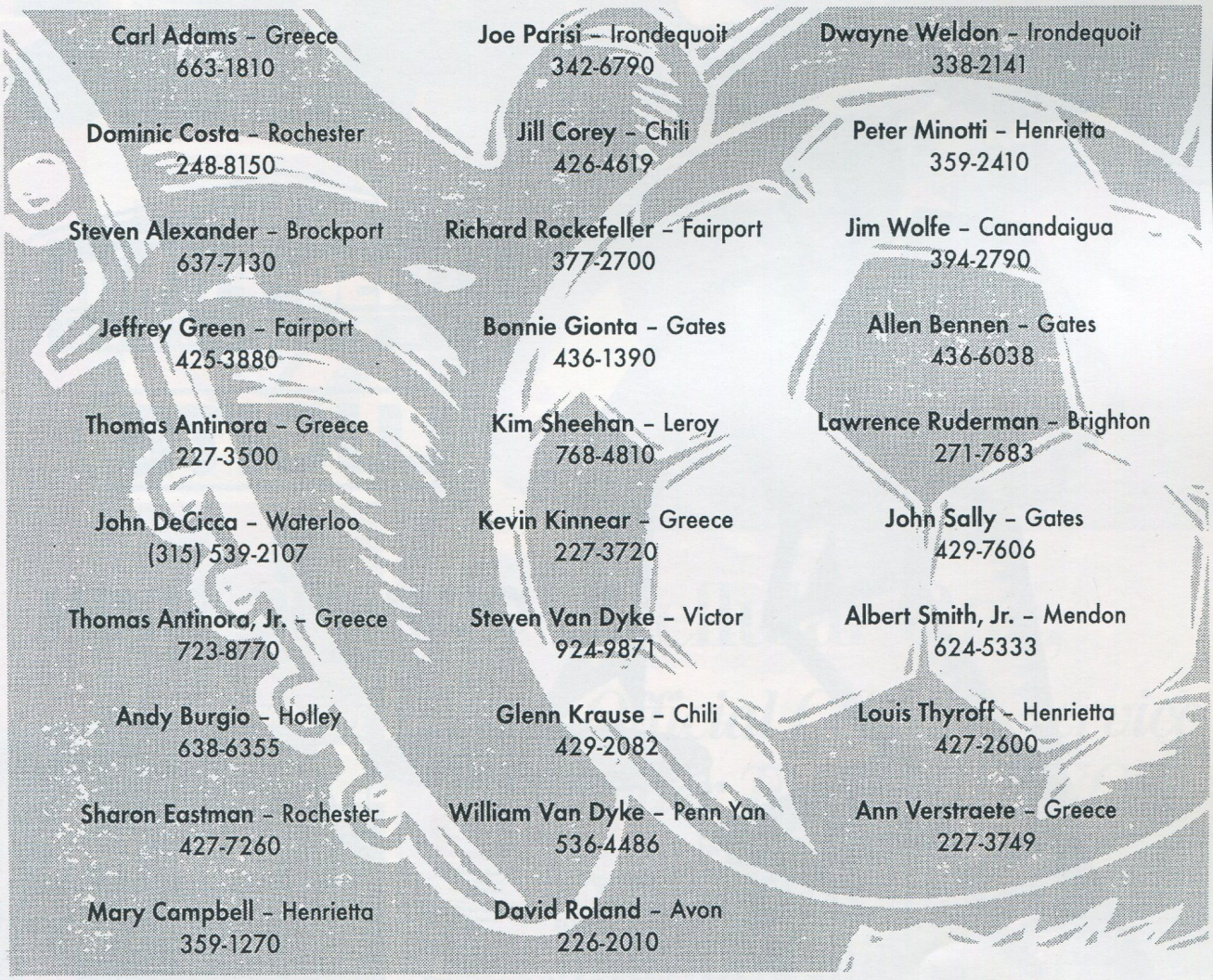

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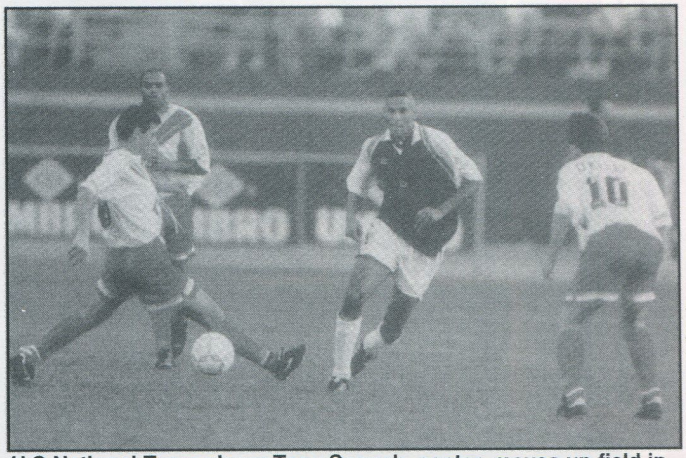
A-League is top rung on USISL ladder

The merger between the American Professional Soccer League and the USISL was completed in October 1996 and has revitalized Division II soccer, producing a consolidated product that is sure to be a winner in 1997 and beyond.

The top rung on the USISL ladder, the A-League has grown from seven teams in 1996 to 24 teams (in 17 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces) for 1997, including six teams that played in the A-League in 1996 and 14 teams that were members of the USISL in 1996, plus four expansion teams. In addition to its Division II status in the U.S., the A-League is the highest level of professional soccer in Canada.

A development agreement between the USISL and Major League Soccer allows players to move up the professional soccer ladder. More than a dozen 1996 MLS all-stars started in the USISL and moved up to MLS, including Marcelo Balboa, Paul Bravo, Dan Calichman, Mark Dodd, Mark Dougherty, John Doyle, Robin Fraser, Cle Kooiman, Jason Kreis, Brian McBride, Tony Meola, Steve Pittman, Steve Rammel, Tab Ramos, Mark Santel, Giovanni Savarese and Eric Wynalda. Thomas Rongen, the 1996 MLS coach of the year, was both a player and a coach in the APSL (a former name of the A-League).

The USISL-MLS agreement provides for working relationships between specific clubs. MLS' Colorado Rapids called up two players from their A-League affiliates – 1996 A-League Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year Wolde Harris of the A-League's Colorado Foxes and goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann of the Seattle Sounders – before they started 1997 practices. Watch for many other players to shuttle between the A-League and MLS during the 1997 season.



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U.S National Team player Tony Sanneh, center, moves up field in the 1996 Umbro/USISL All-Star Game in Blaine, Minn. Sanneh was a member of the Minnesota Thunder before being called up to MLS champion D.C. United.

A-League teams will play 28 league games in 1997 from April through Labor Day. 1. The A-League playoffs will conclude with the championship game Sept. 27 or 28.

The Seattle Sounders defeated the Rochester Rhinos 2-0 at Seattle on Oct. 6, 1996 to win their second consecutive A-League title. Two other teams in the A-League for 1997 won USISL titles in 1996: The California Jaguars defeated the Richmond Kickers 2-1 in a shootout at Richmond, Va. on Sept. 1 to claim the USISL Select League championship and the Charleston Battery defeated the Charlotte Eagles 3-2 in a shootout at Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 24 to capture the USISL Pro League crown.

A-League Match of the Week Live on Prime Network

Friday, May 23	California at El Paso
Friday, May 30	Montreal at Hershey
Friday, June 6	California at Milwaukee
Friday, June 13	Worcester at Rochester
Sunday, June 22	Rochester at Richmond
Sunday, June 29	Long Island at Carolina
Sunday, July 6	Seattle at Minnesota
Sunday, July 13	Orlando at New Orleans
Mid-July	A-League All-Star Game
Sunday, July 20	Connecticut at Long Island
Sunday, July 27	Minnesota at Orange County
Sunday, Aug. 3	Charleston at Nashville
Sunday, Aug. 10	Richmond at Jacksonville (T)
Sunday, Aug. 17	Milwaukee at Rochester
Sunday, Aug. 24	Raleigh at Charleston (T)
Sunday, Aug. 31	Montreal at Minnesota
Sunday, Sept. 7	A-League playoffs
Sunday, Sept. 14	A-League playoffs
Sunday, Sept. 21	A-League playoffs
Sept. 27 or 28	A-League Championship

(T) – Taped
(Schedule subject to change – Consult local listings for Prime Network affiliates)

D3 Pro League gains focus in '97

As the middle level of the three men's outdoor leagues in the USISL pyramid structure, the United States Division III Professional Soccer League provides competitive professional soccer from coast to coast across the U.S., while offering players a chance to hone their skills in a professional environment on a national scale.

The D3 Pro League – renamed for 1997 from "USISL Pro League" – is a step up from amateur-level soccer and the first taste of pro soccer for many of its players. Future stars of the Division II A-League and Division I MLS are groomed in the D3 Pro League. As part of the interleague agreement between MLS and the USISL, all D3 Pro League teams are official minor-league affiliates of MLS clubs, providing for players moves between the leagues.

The D3 Pro League includes 39 teams in 1997 and is the largest, in number of teams, of the USISL's three outdoor men's leagues. Teams will play 18 "league" games and a handful of non-league games this year. The season begins in April and concludes with the championship on Labor Day weekend.

An added element of excitement surrounding the D3 Pro League in 1997 is the concept of promotion, long a standard in professional leagues around the world. Beginning this season, the D3 Pro League champion will be promoted to the A-League for the next season, providing it meets Division II criteria. Relegation – sending the last place team down to the next lower league – has been discussed by the USISL, but will not be enacted in 1997.

The Charleston Battery defeated the Charlotte Eagles 3-2 in a shootout in the 1996 USISL Pro League Championship Game on Sept. 1.

1996 Rochester Raging Rhinos
FINAL STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	FOULS	CARDS C	CARDS E	SHOOTOUT G	SHOOTOUT ATT
0	THOMPSON, Rett	GK	1	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	GK	27	27	2,411	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2	LOPEZ, Dino	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ASHE, Tim	D	8	1	144	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1
4	MINOTT,Leon	D	22	20	1,665	0	0	0	1	21	3	0	0	0
5	SMOTRICH, Yuri	D	18	16	1,502	0	1	1	0	24	1	0	1	3
6	RIVAS, Rene	D	25	25	2,223	2	4	8	25	56	6	0	1	3
7	GUTIERREZ, Henry	M	13	13	1,034	3	3	9	26	27	5	0	0	2
8	TANNER, Tommy	M	26	26	2,035	1	6	8	9	27	4	0	0	2
9	KELLY, Danny	M	20	20	1,725	2	3	7	22	19	3	0	2	3
10	McKAY, Yogi	M	22	20	1,621	1	1	3	11	45	2	2	2	4
11	DEBRAH, Kofi	F	18	8	711	4	2	10	14	10	1	0	0	1
12	YOUNG, Paul	F	4	2	200	4	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	0
14	VILLAGRA, Gustavo	M	17	15	1,260	0	0	0	17	37	2	0	0	1
15	ERCOLI, Pat	M	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	ALLEN, Howard	F	1	0	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
16	KENNELL, Chris	D	12	5	633	0	1	1	5	10	0	0	0	0
17	DAUDA, Fuseini	F	23	21	1,856	0	1	1	10	49	8	0	1	1
18	HOPFINGER, Carl	F	4	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	MILLER, Doug	F	27	23	2,228	18	2	38	71	26	1	0	0	4
20	TOMETSKO, Ken	M	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
21	MARINARO, Hector	M	23	19	1,758	4	7	15	51	14	4	1	3	5
22	STUART, Darrell	F	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	STEENKAMP, Lenin	F	21	21	1,890	5	5	15	57	26	3	0	2	3
	Departed:													
	RIZI, Marco	D	10	7	540	0	0	0	4	7	1	1	0	0
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	ROMANELLO, Gustavo	F	4	3	215	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1
	WURDAK, Tom	M	4	3	273	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS		**27**	**27**	**2,430**	**44**	**36**	**124**	**328**	**398**	**41**	**3**	**12**	**34**

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MINS	GA	SVS	GAA	SO	RECORD W	RECORD L	SHOTS FACED	SHOOTOUT SAVES	SHOOTOUT GA	SHOOTOUT RECORD W	SHOOTOUT RECORD L
1	ANDRACKI, Bill	27	27	2,411	40	120	1.49	7	11	13	37	14	13	3	3
0	THOMPSON, Rett	1	0	19	2	1	9.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TEAM TOTALS	**27**	**27**	**2,430**	**42**	**121**	**1.56**	**7**	**11**	**13**	**37**	**14**	**13**	**3**	**3**

RECORD	GP	W	L	SOW	SOL
RHINOS	27	11	13	3	3
OPPONENTS	27	13	11	3	3

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOT
RHINOS	15	29	44
OPPONENTS	13	29	42

SHOTS	TOTAL
RHINOS	367
OPPONENTS	289

RHINOS WHEN:	W-L
Scoring First Goal	9(1)-2
Allowing First Goal	2(1)-10
Outshooting Opponent	9(2)-7
Shots Are Tied	1(1)-0
Outshot By Opponent	1-6
Leading at Half-Time	6-0
Tied at Half-Time	4(3)-8
Trailing at Half-Time	1-5
( )=Shootout Win	

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

RHINOS		OPPONENTS
158	CORNER KICKS	128
1	CORNER KICKS SCORED	1
4	PENALTY KICKS	3
0	PENALTY KICKS SCORE	2
62	OFFSIDES	70
413	FOULS	372
6	EJECTIONS	4

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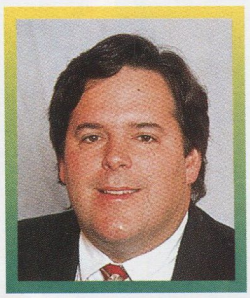
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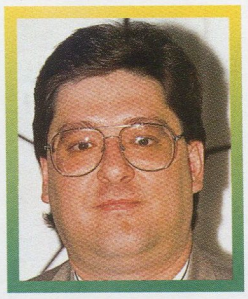
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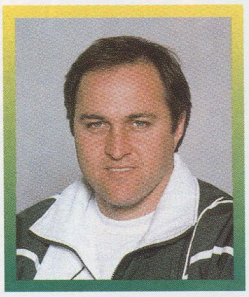
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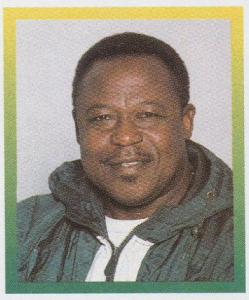
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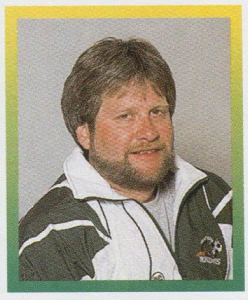
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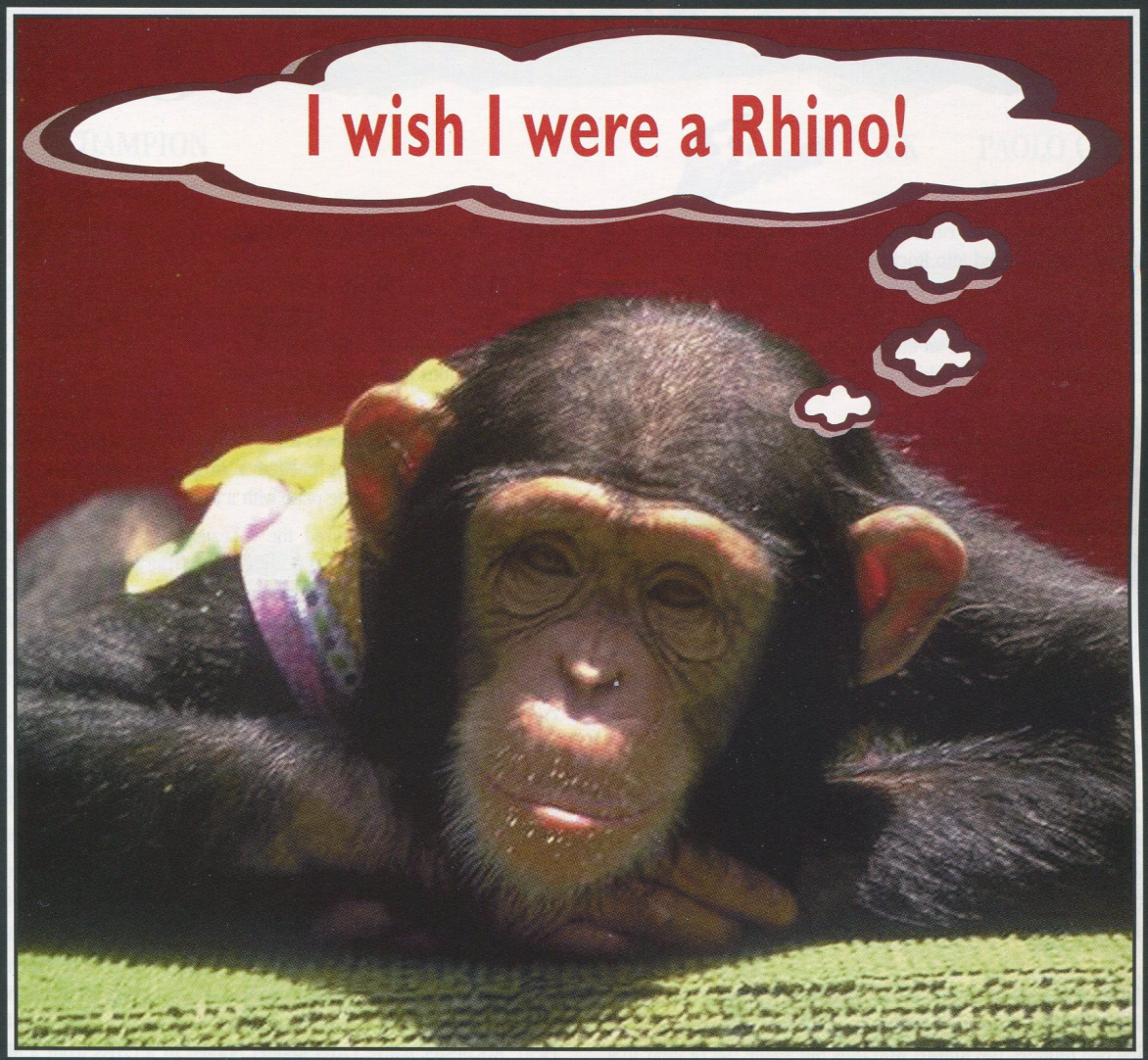

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Rhinos All The Rage In Rochester

BY AL LOUIS

It started as a quiet roar, then increased to a rumble, and by mid-summer 1996 it was rambling out of control. The Rhinos stormed into Rochester and the city on Lake Ontario has embraced the popular beast. By the way, we're talking about a soccer team, not an animal. The Rochester Raging Rhinos of the A-League have become the Flower City's most popular summer sports team, and they achieved an unusual "double" in their first season of play, reaching the championship game for their league as well as the U.S. Open Cup tournament.

It started as a dream for owners Frank DuRoss, Steve Donner and Chris Economides. Putting together an expansion franchise in a city that saw two previous professional soccer teams succeed, then eventually fold, was a challenge that was taken quite seriously. Signing players and putting together a marketing plan was the first order of business, including the team nickname. "Raging Rhinos" was suggested by a name-the-team contest, and merchandise sales have since been overwhelming.

The club played their first four home games at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium in May and June. The city's new downtown stadium, Frontier Field, opened in mid-July, and by the time the Rhinos played the first sporting event in the 12,000 seat facility, both the team and the fans new that it was their time to shine.

Players signed by Vice-President/General Manager Economides included goalkeeper Billy Andracki, no stranger to A-League championship games, and a solid defensive corps of Brazilian Rene Rivas, Ukrainian Division I defender Yuri Smotrich, Canadian youngster Fusieni Dauda and Rochester-area college star Leon Minott.

Head Coach Pat Ercoli was pleased to add three players from the NPSL indoor champion Cleveland Crunch in Hector Marinaro, Doug Miller and Tommy Tanner. Another indoor star, Danny Kelly, contributed from the midfield position as well as Greece Arcadia product Yogi McKay.

The Rhinos opened the season with a 2-1 shootout loss to New York in front of 5,834 fans at Fauver Stadium. Kelly will go down in franchise history as the first-ever goal-scorer for Rochester. Through the first two months, the Rhinos won only one game out of their first ten, along with a shootout win. Although the faithful fans had not given up on their club, they were wondering when the young team would start putting together some wins.

On July 12, in front of a then A-League record crowd of 14,717, the Rhinos opened Frontier Field with a bang, beating Montreal in the last minute of play 3-2 on a Doug Miller hat trick. That was the kick-start the Rhinos needed, as they began a four-game win streak and continued to march through the league, winning the next 10 of 13 matches. Miller, who notched three hat tricks over the summer, finished the season leading the A-League in goals with 18.

Key acquisitions over the course of the season included Lenin Steenkamp, a veteran who has played forward, midfield and sweeper for the Rhinos. Steenkamp was acquired from Montreal after starting the season in Atlanta. His five goals and ten points tied Marinaro for second place on the Rhinos scoring list. Henry Gutierrez, who started the season with San Jose of the MLS, was signed in July to add speed and skill to the midfield. Kofi Debrah, a scoring star in Ghana, also joined the club in mid-year and has contributed four goals and two assists.

As the A-League regular season entered its final weeks, the Rhinos found themselves in a race with the Vancouver 86ers for the fourth and final playoff spot. On the final day of the regular season, Rochester needed a three-point win over New York to clinch, and Marinaro stepped up to the plate with a two-goal game to lift the Rhinos to a 3-0 win.

Montreal, who had captured the A-League regular season title, waited at home for Rochester in Game #1, and the Rhinos upset the Impact 3-2. Game #2 in Rochester two nights later, it was the Impact who controlled the game and shutout the Rhinos 3-2 in front of an A-League record crowd of 14,809. That set the stage for the third and deciding game in Montreal. Behind Rene Rivas' two goals, the Rhinos again outplayed Montreal on their home turf and took the match 2-1 to send Rochester to the A-League championship game.

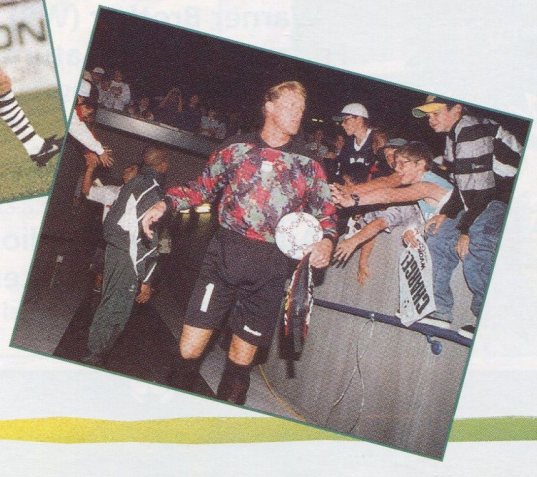
On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in downtown Seattle, before a national television audience, the Rhinos had reached their goal for the season—the A-League championship game. The defending champion Sounders took advantage of their home turf as they defeated the Rhinos 2-0 in a well-played match. While the first-year club had lost the league championship, they had one more championship to go.

The U.S. Open Cup is the oldest soccer tournament in the United States, dating back to 1914. The summer-long playdown is open to all professional and amateur teams in the U.S., and the 1996 tournament involved all divisions, including the MLS, for the first time.

After defeating the Fort Myers Manatees 2-0 in their first U.S. Open Cup match, the Rhinos earned national notice on September 7 when the shocked the MLS-leading Tampa Bay Mutiny 4-3 in double overtime in a quarter-final contest. In front of 12,428 fans at Frontier Field, Rochester native Chris Kennel booted in a cross from a Marinaro corner kick to send the Rhinos to victory. In the semi-finals on October 12 at Frontier Field, Rochester again beat an MLS club as Pittsford native Rett Thompson shutout the Colorado Rapids 3-0 before 12,179 fans to send the Rhinos to their second championship game in less than a month.

Traveling to RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. on October 30 for the U.S. Open Cup final, MLS playoff champion DC United proved too much for the underdog Rochester squad as they beat the Rhinos 3-0 before a national television audience as well as U.S. Soccer Federation officials and the U.S. National Team.

It truly had been a magical season for the Rochester Raging Rhinos, including a storybook finish for one of the most popular soccer teams in America. The team and their staunch supporters will always remember that special summer, one that brought the world's greatest game back to Rochester.



1996 A-League Awards

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TOP GOAL SCORER
Doug Miller, Rochester Rhinos, 18 goals

ASSIST LEADERS
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8 Assists

TOP POINT-GETTER
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GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
Paolo Ceccarelli, Montreal Impact,
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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
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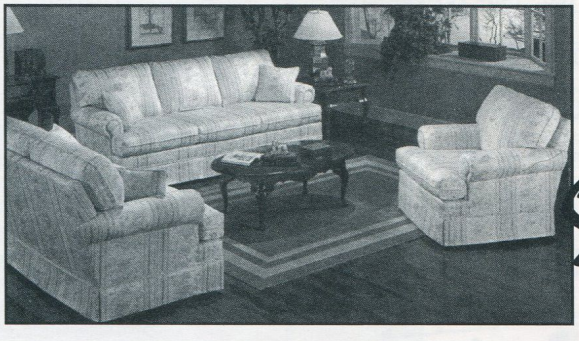

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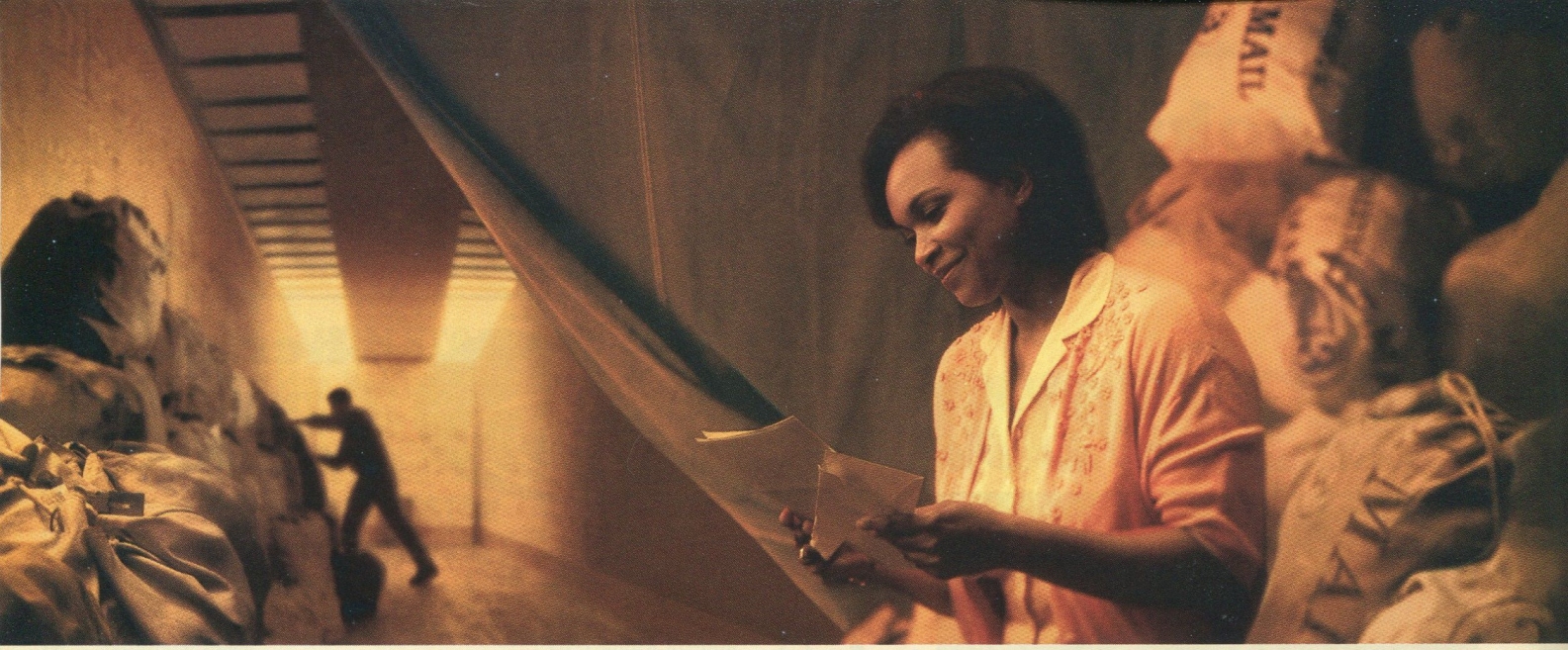

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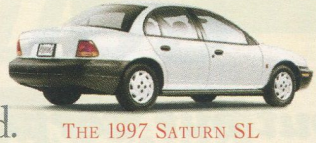

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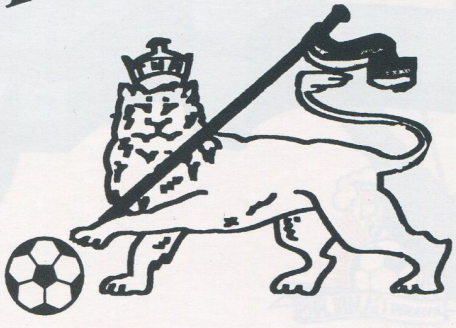

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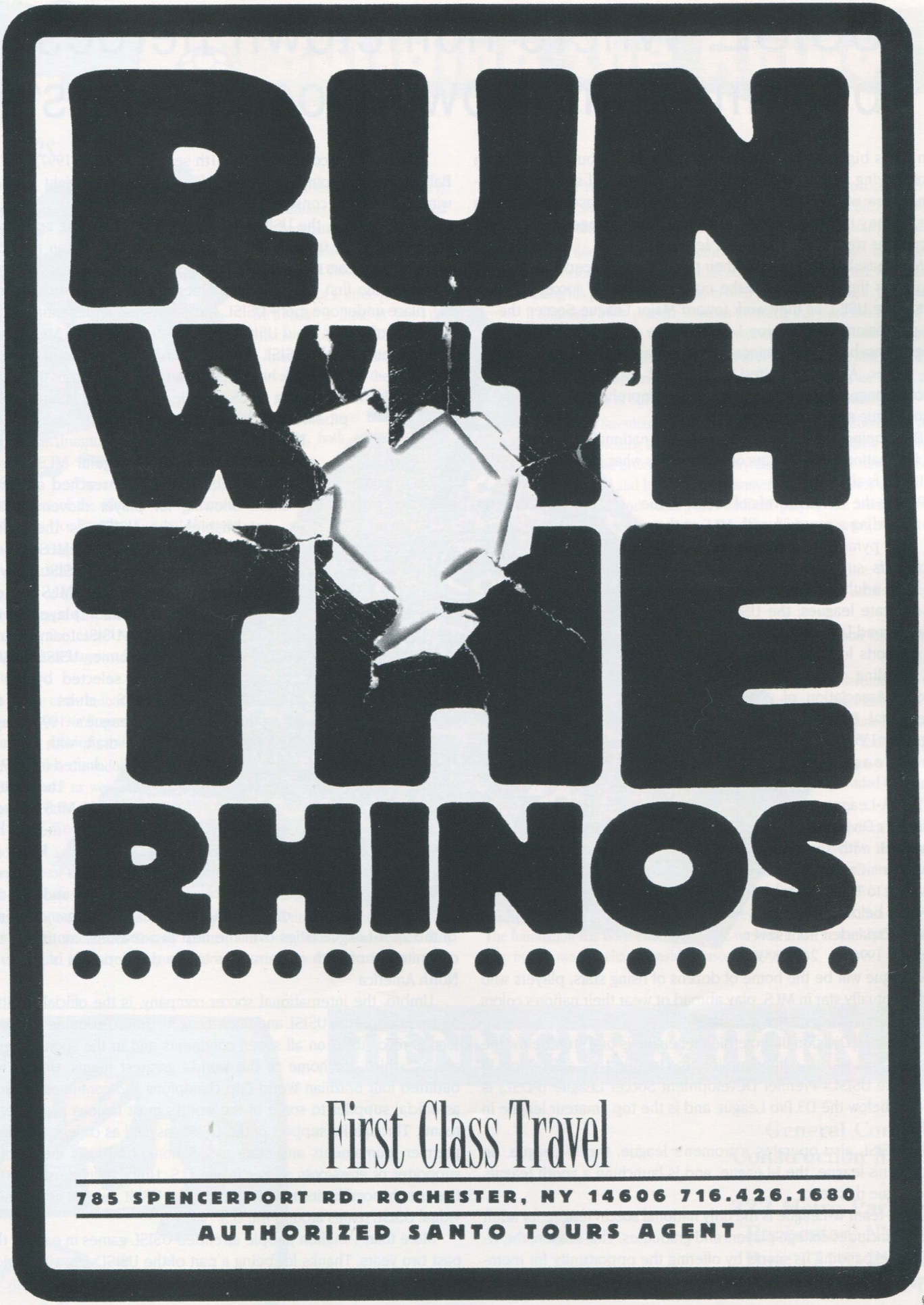

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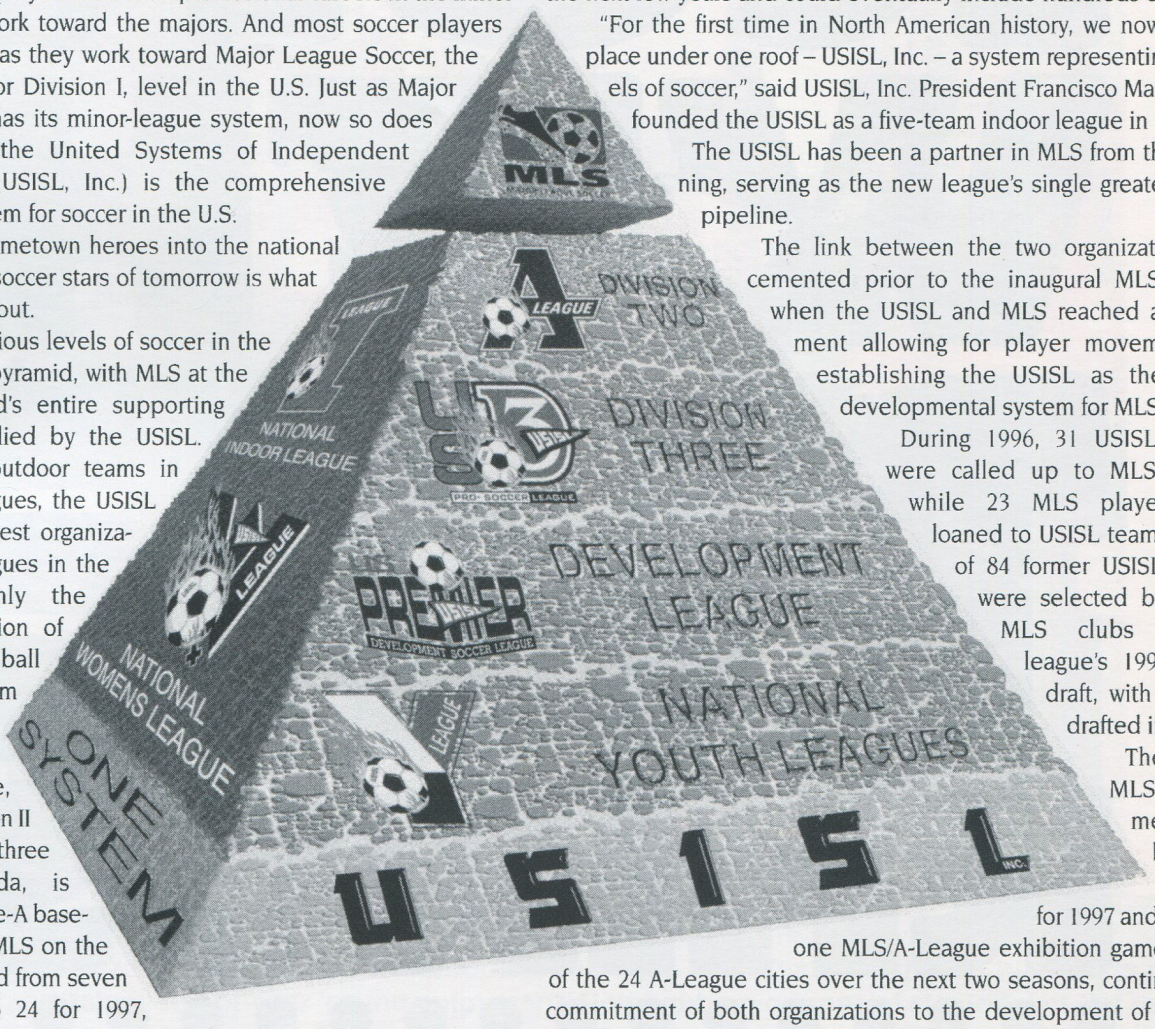

The A-League, pro soccer's Division II in the U.S. with three teams in Canada, is equivalent to Triple-A baseball – just below MLS on the pyramid. Expanded from seven teams in 1996 to 24 for 1997, the A-League will be the home of dozens of rising stars, players who could eventually star in MLS, play abroad or wear their nation's colors in World Cup and international competition.

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The USISL also operates a women's league, the W-League, an indoor men's league, the I-League, and is launching a youth league, the Y-League this year.

The 32-team W-League is the only national soccer league for adult women. It includes college players and graduates. This season, the W-League is expanding its scope by offering the opportunity for members of the U.S. Women's National Team player pool to participate.

The I-League completed its 11th season in March 1997, with the Baltimore Bays going undefeated for the second straight year and winning a second consecutive national title.

The Y-League, the USISL's newest project, is gearing up in a few states in 1997. It intends to expand across the American map over the next few years and could eventually include hundreds of teams.

"For the first time in North American history, we now have in place under one roof – USISL, Inc. – a system representing all levels of soccer," said USISL, Inc. President Francisco Marcos, who founded the USISL as a five-team indoor league in 1986.

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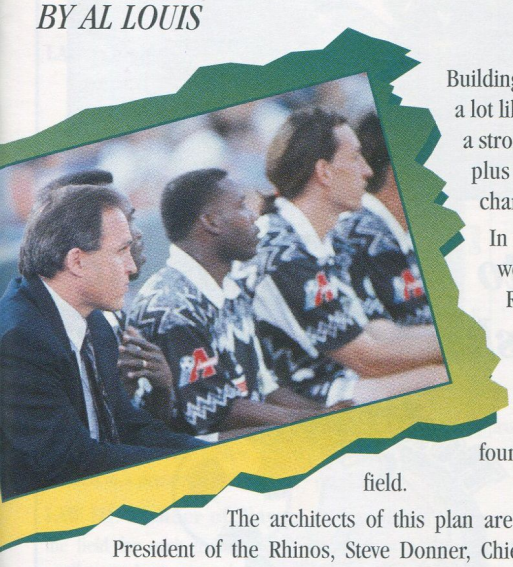
Building the Rhinos

BY AL LOUIS



Building a professional soccer team is a lot like building a house. You need a strong foundation, a lot of support, plus it wouldn't hurt to have character and color.

In the first of a three-part series, we'll take a look at how the Rochester Raging Rhinos professional soccer organization was built. In their second season of A-League play, the Rhinos have built a solid foundation, both on and off the field.

The architects of this plan are the owners - Frank DuRoss, President of the Rhinos, Steve Donner, Chief Executive Officer and Chris Economides, the Vice President/General Manager.

Head Coach Pat Ercoli and Assistant Coach Frank Odoi shape the team. So far, its been a winning combination.

The foundation of the team was built on indoor players. Economides is a former owner of the Kansas City Attack of the indoor National Professional Soccer League. Ercoli played for five teams - New York, Detroit, Buffalo, Baltimore and Cleveland - in the old MISL indoor league, a forerunner of the NPSL. Odoi also played for the indoor Buffalo Stallions.

Their knowledge of the indoor league and players led them to travel and scout players the winter of 1995-96. Economides also had a working knowledge of the A-League, and had already scouted games during the 1995 season in various cities.

"Although we knew the indoor players, we also knew that they had either A-league outdoor experience or were stars for their college teams," said Economides. "Our roster age is slightly older than most. We wanted experience and championship-caliber players. We take winning very seriously."

Economides and Ercoli took scouting trips across the country to watch both NPSL games and outdoor exhibition matches down south. Planes, trains and automobiles became a way of life for the two soccer nomads.

Hector Marinaro, one of the greatest indoor players of all time, was signed, as well as Cleveland Crunch teammates Tommy Tanner and Doug Miller. Goalkeeper Billy Andracki, who had extensive A-league experience, was signed from an indoor club.

Rochester native Yogi McKay, arguably the best professional soccer player from the Flower City, also was signed from his indoor team, the Buffalo Blizzard. Danny Kelly, who scored the Rhinos first-ever goal, was secured from Harrisburg of the NPSL.

Many resumes flooded the Rhinos office. Rene Rivas, who had never been to the United States before, sent his credentials through his brother Nils. After many phone calls checking his playing background in both Brazil and Portugal, Ercoli agreed to a tryout. It took only a few practice sessions to realize that Rene was for real. Gustavo Villagra and Yuriy Smotrich came to Rochester under the same circumstances.

Youngsters like Fuseini Dauda from Canada were also given a tryout. The 21 year-old came to camp as a forward, but Ercoli saw his potential to be a big, aggressive defender. Fuseini now is one of the Rhinos top players in the backfield.

Team captain Lenin Steenkamp was acquired in a trade from Montreal in midseason as the Rhinos were looking to bolster their scoring. He immediately contributed both on the field and in the dressing room. Henry Gutierrez, after a stint with San Jose of the MLS, was released and looking for a summer job. A few phone calls later, he was in a Rhinos uniform and settling the midfield play of the team. Odoi used his connections in Ghana to secure one of that countries rising young stars, Kofi Debrah, who brought a goal-scoring touch in June.

The organization also looked locally for players. A summer before, Team Lapine of the Rochester Premier league had made it to the United States Amateur Cup finals in Indianapolis.

Rochester was known around the country for producing good talent, and its local colleges always challenged for national championships.

Local players Rett Thompson, a goalkeeper from Pittsford, defender Tim Ashe from Hilton, Ken Tometsko from Brighton and Carl Hopfinger from Pittsford all played for Team Lapine. College stars Leon Minott and Howard Allen from Jamaica (Roberts Wesleyan) and Antigua native Darrell Stuart (St. John Fisher) had all finished their college careers and also played for Team Lapine. After an intense training camp in April of 1996, these players were signed to contracts and provided the much-needed depth for the Rhinos success.

Rochester native Chris Kennel, who had moved to Hawaii to pursue an acting career and eventually started his own soccer apparel company, played for Hawaii in the USISL for two seasons. Chris came home, went to training camp and eventually earned a spot on the roster, seeing plenty of action from his defender position.

Rochester soccer fans know about the success of the inaugural Rhino season in 1996. The foundation has been built. Next issue we look at the new additions to the team as they build toward a championship season in 1997.

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CONDENSED Laws of the Game

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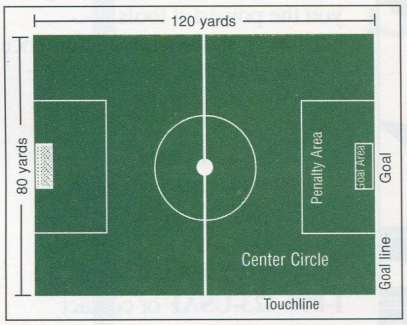


LAW II: Ball The ball is made of leather or other safe, approved material: 27 to 28 inches in circumference, 14 to 16 inches, inflated to a pressure of 9.0 to 10.5 psi.

LAW III: Number of Players A maximum of 11 players on the field for each team, one of whom must be designated as goalkeeper. Up to two substitutes may be used by each team.

LAW IV: Players' Equipment Jersey, shorts, stockings, shinguards and shoes. The goalkeeper's jersey color must distinguish him from other players and the referee. A player may not wear anything dangerous to another player.

LAW V: Referee One referee is appointed for each match. He is responsible for enforcement of the Laws; serving as timekeeper, disciplining players; stopping the match if, in his opinion, a player has been seriously hurt; preventing persons other than the players and linesmen from entering the field without his permission. All decisions by the referee are final.

LAW VI: Linesmen Two linesmen are appointed to assist the referee in controlling the match by indicating offside; when a ball has crossed a touchline and which team should put it back into play with a throw-in; when a ball had crossed a goal line and whether it should be put back into play with a goal kick or corner kick; when an infraction had been committed; and whether a goal has been scored fairly.

LAW VII: Duration of the Games Two equal periods of 45 minutes. The referee may extend the time for long or unusual delays, such as injury or time-wasting by a team. (Note: A-League rules call for a sudden-death overtime period of 15 minutes and, if necessary, a shoot-out tiebreaker when a match is tied after 90 minutes of regulation play.)

LAW VIII: Start of Play The team that wins the coin flip can either choose which end of the field it wishes to defend or take the kickoff. Each team must remain on its own half of the field and the defending players must be a minimum of 10 yards away from the ball until it is kicked forward and rolled its full circumference. A goal cannot be scored directly from kickoff. After a goal, the team scored upon kicks off. After halftime the kickoff is taken by the team that did not kick off to start the game. Drop ball: When the referee stops play for a reason other than a rule infraction or a delay such as a player injury, he restarts play by dropping the ball where the ball was when the play was stopped. A drop ball is not in play until it hits the ground.

LAW IX: Ball In and Out of Play The ball is out of play when (a) it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, or (b) the game has been stopped by the referee. The ball is in play at all other times from the beginning to the end of a half, including when it remains on the field after striking the referee, linemen, goal post, crossbar, or corner flag; and after an assumed infringement of the Laws, until the referee stops play.

LAW X: Method of Scoring A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar while it is legally in play.

LAW XI: Offside A player is an offside position if he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than the ball, unless (a) he is in his own half of the field of play, or (b) there are at least two of his opponents as close or closer to their own goal. A player is penalized for being in an offside position only if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by a teammate, he is (in the opinion of the referee) (a) interfering with play or with an opponent, or (b) seeking to gain an advantage by being in that position. A player is not declared offside by the referee (a) merely because of his being in an offside position, or (b) if he receives the ball directly from a goal kick, corner kick or throw-in, or when it has been dropped by the referee.

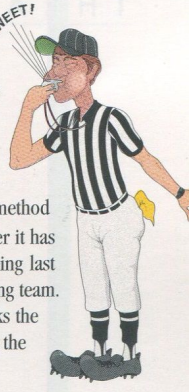
LAW XII: Fouls and Misconduct A team whose player intentionally attempts or actually kicks, trips, jumps at, charges violently, charges from behind, strikes or spits at, holds or pushes an opponent, or handles the ball is penalized by a direct kick. Any one of these nine offenses committed in the penalty area by a defender results in the awarding of a penalty kick to the attacking team. A team whose player commits less fragrant fouls such as offside, dangerous play or obstruction is penalized by an indirect free kick. The referee may caution a player (or others) for persistent misconduct, dissent, ungentlemanly conduct or entering the field without permission; the offender is shown a yellow ca The referee also may send off (eject) a player (or others) violent conduct and/or serious foul play, foul or abusive languag or persistent misconduct after receiving a caution. The player s off the field may not be replaced.

LAW XIII: Free Kick A direct free kick from which a goal c be scored directly against the offending team; an indirect free ki from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has be touched by another player before entering the goal. In both case the offending team's player must be at least 10 yards from the ba until the ball has been touched, and the ball must be still. (Note: League rules call for defenders to stand at least 15 yards from t ball on all free kicks.)

LAW XIV: Penalty Kick A direct free kick from the penal spot. All players except the player taking the kick and the opposi player taking the kick and the opposing goalkeeper must rema outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked. The defendi goalkeeper may move laterally along the goal line prior to t striking of the ball, but he may not move forward until the ball struck by the shooter.

LAW XV: Throw-In The method for putting the ball back i play after it has wholly passed over the touchline. A player from team that did not touch the ball last takes the throw-in from point on the touchline where the ball exited the field; he throws using both hands to deliver the ball from behind and over his he a part of each foot is either on the touchline or on the grou outside the touchline. An indirect free kick will be awarded goalkeeper picks up the ball with his hands after receiving a thro in from a teammate.

LAW XVI: Goal Kick The method for putting the ball back into play after it has wholly crossed the goal line after being touched by a player from the attacking team. A player from the team that was defending kicks the ball from his own goal area.



LAW XVII: Corner Kick The method for putting the ball back into play after it has wholly crossed the goal line after being last touched by a player from the defending team. A player from the attacking team kicks the ball from the corner nearest to where the ball exited the field.

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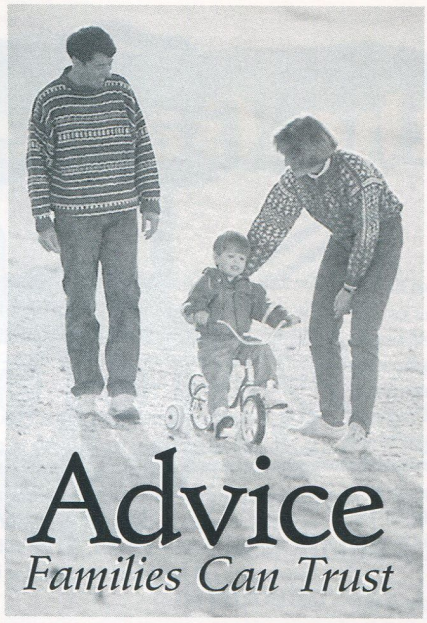

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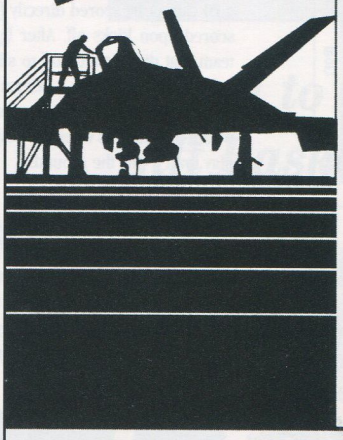

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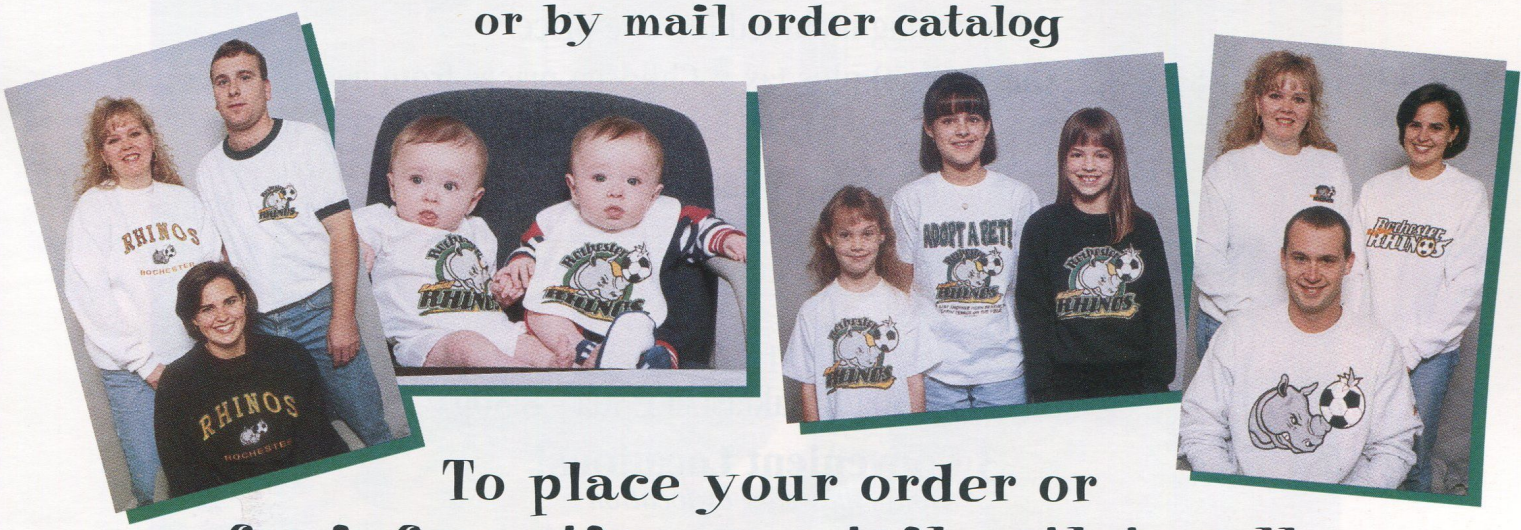

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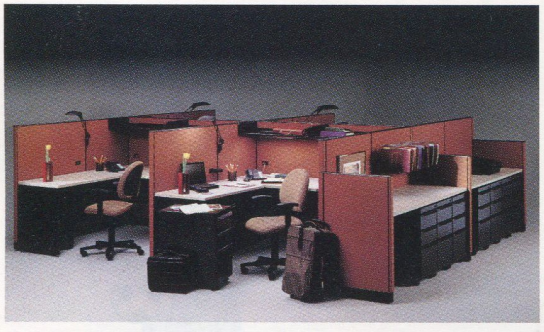

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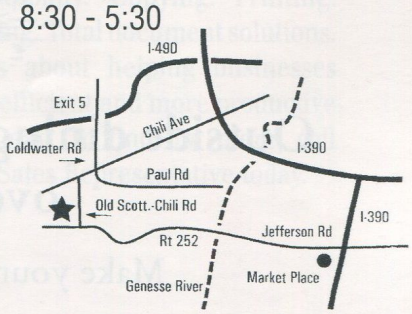

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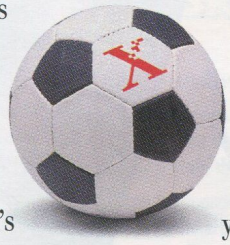

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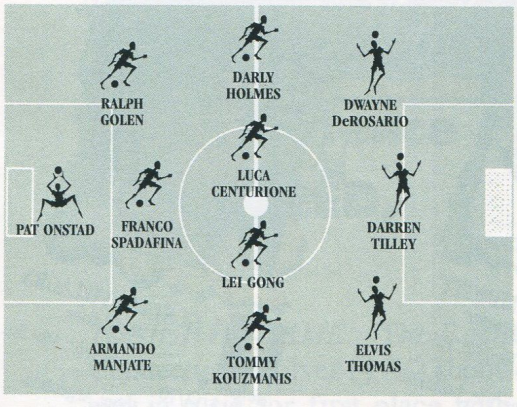

TORONTO LYNX

Toronto, Ontario

Monday, May 26 - 6:05 p.m.

Owners: Enzo Iantorno, Bruno Hartrell, Bruno Tesan
President/General Manager: Enzo Iantorno
Assistant General Manager: David Gee
Head Coach: Peter Pinizzotto
Assistant Coach: David Gee

A-League member since: 1997 expansion team
Colors: Teal, Gold, Purple, Black
Home Field: Varsity Stadium - capacity: 21,730

The Lynx, an A-League expansion club, started their inaugural season on the right foot, going 2-2 in their first four matches. Coach Pe Pinizzotto led Toronto Italia to the regular season and playoff championships in the Canadian National Soccer League in 1994 and 19 and he was named Coach of the Year in 1994. Top players include Elvis Thomas, who had three goals and two assists in the first f games, and Dwayne DeRosario, who contributed two goals and an assist in that span. Goalkeeper Pat Onstad was among the lea leaders in goals—against average in the early weeks of the season. Other key players are midfielders Martin Dugas and Lei Gong. The Rhinos were the Lynx opponent for their home opener on May 19. Th two Northeast Division rivals meet four times this season, with two matches at Frontier Field.

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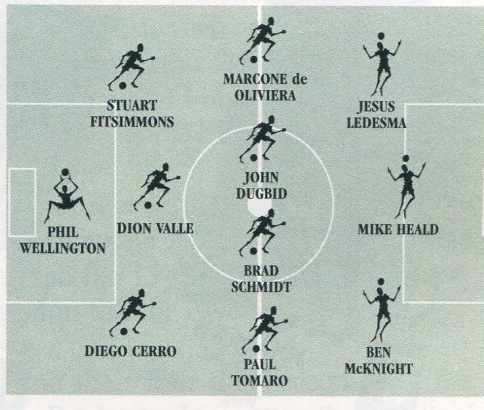
JACKSONVILLE CYCLONES

Jacksonville, Florida

Saturday, June 7 - 7:35 p.m.

Owner/President: Luis Posso
General Manager: Pete Peterson
Head Coach: Dennis Viollett
Assistant Coach: Jorge Alvial

A-League member since: 1995 (USISL Select Division)
1996 Record: 15-9 overall
Colors: Teal, White, Black
Home Field: Mandarin Soccer Stadium - capacity: 9,000



Jacksonville has embraced the transplanted Tampa Bay Cyclones for the 1997 season. Drawing staff and players from three former USISL clubs (Tampa Bay, Richmond and South Carolina), the Cyclones stumbled to an early 1-4 start in A-League play but should rebound to contend in the Atlantic Division. Head Coach Dennis Viollett scored over 300 goals for Manchester United in the English Premier Division, and he played for England's National Team. In 1995 he achieved a rare "double" - winning both the USISL Pro League championship and the US Open Cup with the Richmond Kickers. In 1996 he took the Kickers to the USISL Select championship game before losing to the California Jaguars in a shootout. Top returning players include midfielders Oswaldo Ortiz and Franklyn Gonzales, while newcomer Johnny Walker has seen most of the action in the goal for the Cyclones.

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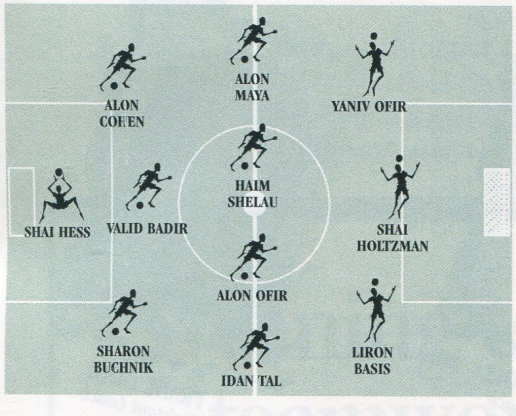

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Sunday, June 8 - 3:35 p.m.

The Rhinos play their first-ever international match when they host the Israeli National All-Stars in Frontier Field. The Israeli team all-star squad composed of players from the Israeli Premier Division, include players from the Hapoel Petach-Tikva club, the Hap Kfar Saba club, the Maccabi Tel-Aviv club, the Maccabi Herzlia club, the Hapoel Beer Sheva club and other teams in the division.

The Jewish Community Federation is sponsoring the Israeli team on their trip to Rochester as part of the year-long activities celebra Israel's 50th year. Ilene and David Flaum are the chairpersons for the event on behalf of the Jewish Community Federation. Shmuel E Shmuel, the Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York, was instrumental in arranging the Israeli National All-Star team's visi Rochester. The team will spend a better part of a week in Rochester to enjoy the culture of the Flower City.

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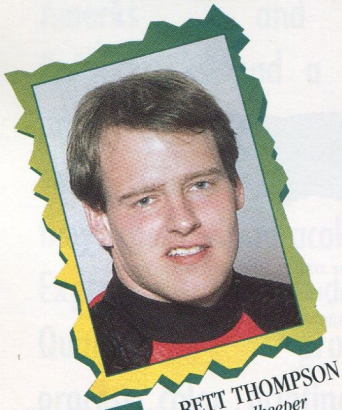
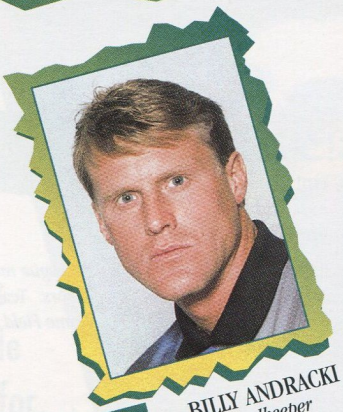
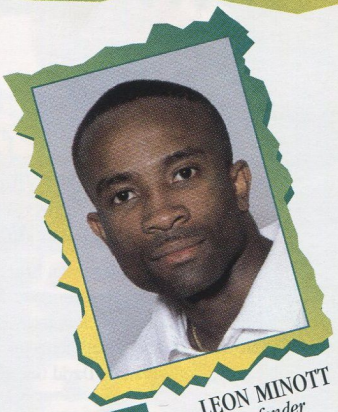


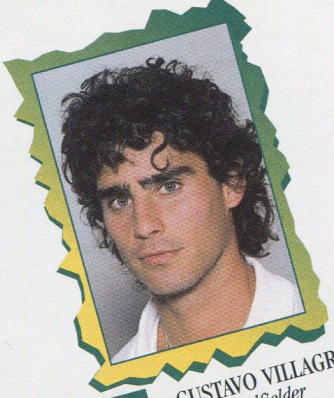
0 RETT THOMPSON
Goalkeeper
Weight: 200 lbs.
Height: 6' 4"
DOB: 11/17/69
Birthplace: Rochester, NY
Last Club: Rochester-A



1 BILLY ANDRACKI
Goalkeeper
Weight: 185 lbs.
Height: 6' 0"
DOB: 5/25/69
Birthplace: Prince Williams, VA
Last Club: Rochester-A & Philadelphia-NPSL

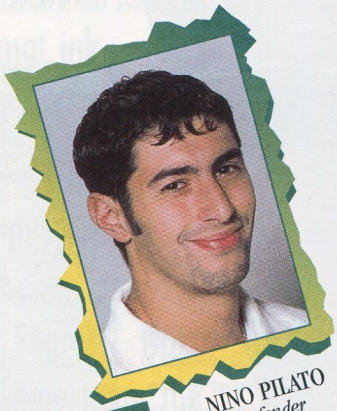


4 LEON MINOTT
Defender
Weight: 150 lbs.
Height: 5' 7"
DOB: 6/19/69
Birthplace: St. Catherine, Jamaica
Last Club: Rochester-A

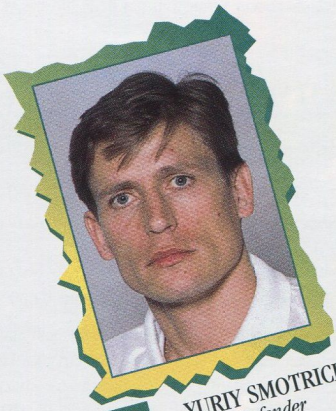


5 GUSTAVO VILLAGRA
Midfielder
Weight: 180 lbs.
Height: 6' 1"
DOB: 2/13/70
Birthplace: S.S. Jujuy, Argentina
Last Club: Rochester-A

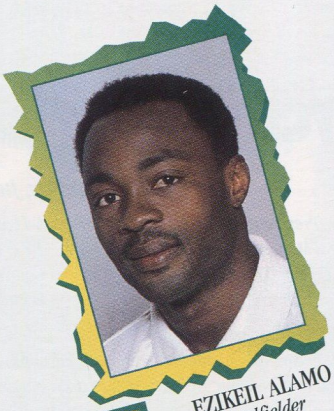
10 YOGI McKAY
Midfielder
Weight: 160 lbs.
Height: 5' 8"
DOB: 6/16/65
Birthplace: Rochester, NY
Last Club: Rochester-A Buffalo-NPSL



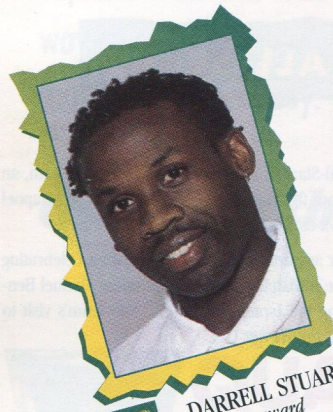
12 NINO PILATO
Defender
Weight: 183 lbs.
Height: 6' 3"
DOB: 5/16/74
Birthplace: Rochester, NY
Last Club: Mavericks-Rochester Premier



14 YURIY SMOTRICH
Defender
Weight: 180 lbs.
Height: 6' 2"
DOB: 6/5/62
Birthplace: Chernomorets, Ukraine
Last Club: Rochester-A



15 EZIKEIL ALAMO
Midfielder
Weight: 160 lbs.
Height: 5' 8"
DOB: 10/26/72
Birthplace: Accra, Ghana
Last Club: Santos-NYC



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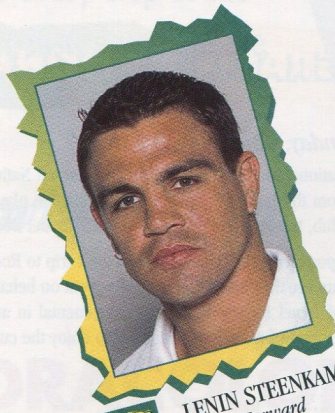
Forward
Weight: 160 lbs.
Height: 5' 6"
DOB: 5/16/67
Birthplace: Antigua
Last Club: Rochester-A



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Forward
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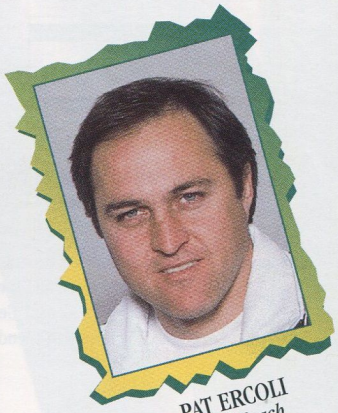
DOB: 9/9/69
Birthplace: Durban, South Africa
Last Club: Rochester-A & Buffalo-NPSL



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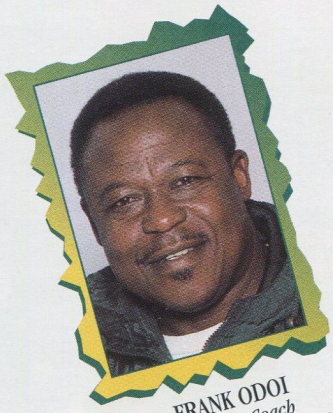

FRANK ODOI
Assistant Coach

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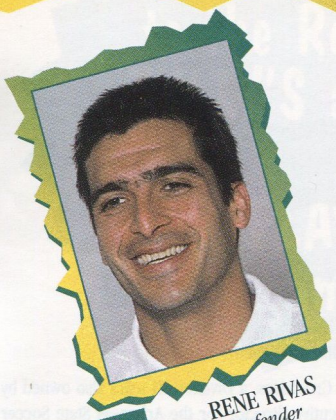
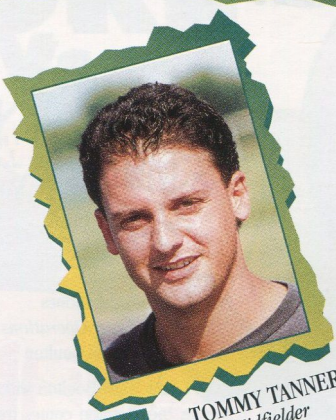


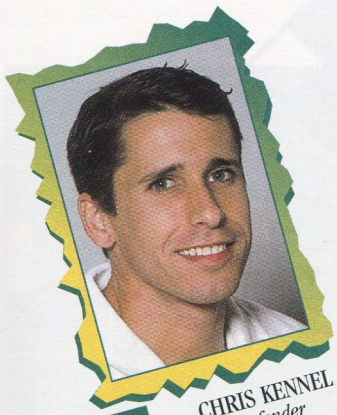
6 RENE RIVAS
Defender
Height: 6' 2" *Weight:* 180 lbs.
DOB: 10/18/68
Birthplace: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Last Club: Rochester-A & Buffalo-NPSL

7 HENRY GUTIERREZ
Midfielder
Height: 5' 8" *Weight:* 150 lbs.
DOB: 8/28/68
Birthplace: Hoboken, NJ
Last Club: Rochester-A & Cleveland-NPSL



8 TOMMY TANNER
Midfielder
Height: 5' 8" *Weight:* 150 lbs.
DOB: 5/10/68
Birthplace: Syracuse, NY
Last Club: Rochester-A & Cleveland-NPSL

9 DARCI MONTEIRO
Forward
Height: 5' 11" *Weight:* 170 lbs.
DOB: 9/26/68
Birthplace: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Last Club: America-Brazilian Div I



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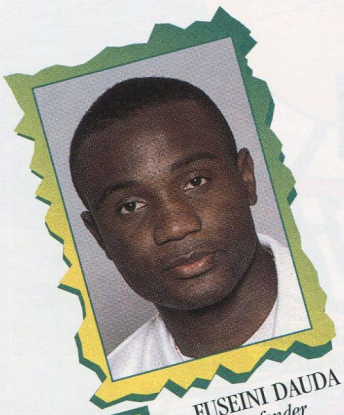
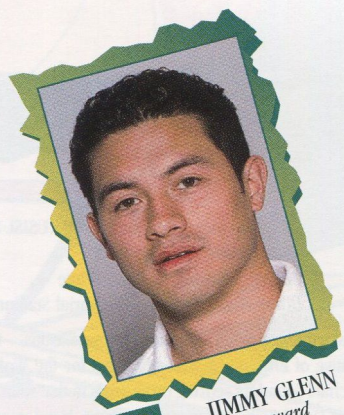
Defender
Height: 6' 1" *Weight:* 175 lbs.
DOB: 8/7/69
Birthplace: Rochester, NY
Last Club: Rochester-A



17 FUSEINI DAUDA
Defender
Height: 6' 2" *Weight:* 185 lbs.
DOB: 5/29/75
Birthplace: Ghana
Last Club: Rochester-A & Buffalo-NPSL



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Forward
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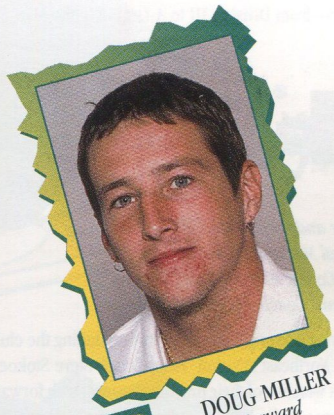
Birthplace: Monterey, CA
Last Club: Dallas-MLS



19 DOUG MILLER
Forward
Height: 5' 8" *Weight:* 155 lbs.
DOB: 5/5/69
Birthplace: Newark, NJ
Last Club: Rochester-A & Buffalo-NPSL

Not pictured:

3 NATE HOUSER
Defender
Height: 6' 2" *Weight:* 185 lbs.
DOB: 10/8/72
Birthplace: Poway, CA
Last Club: Hampton Roads-USISL

27 KEVIN KOETTERS
Defenseman
Height: 6' 0" *Weight:* 180 lbs.
DOB: 9/11/68
Birthplace: Quincy, IL
Last Club: Kansas City-MLS

11 NIKOLA VIGNJEVIC
Forward
Height: 6' 2" *Weight:* 165 lbs.
DOB: 3/12/71
Birthplace: Yugolslavia
Last Club: Belgrade, Yugoslavia

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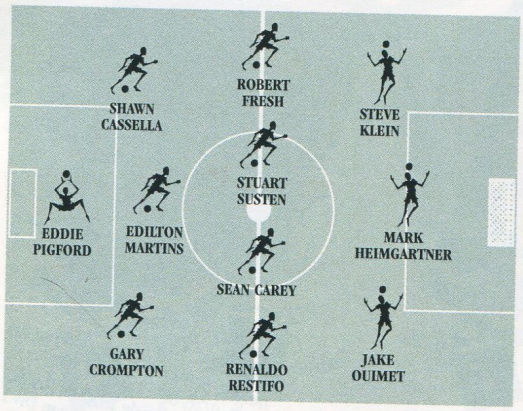


WORCESTER WILDFIRE
Worcester, Massachusetts

Friday, June 13 - 7:35 p.m.

Owner: Soccer, Inc.
President: Michael Jones
Director of Soccer Operations: Nigel Boulton
Head Coach: Nigel Boulton

A-League member since: 1996 (USISL Pro League)
1996: 1-17 overall
Colors: White and Black
Home Field: Foley Stadium - capacity: 5,000

Head Coach Nigel Boulton will combine the rosters of both the Wildfire and the Cape Cod Crusaders, a Division III team also ov Soccer, Inc. Boulton comes from Arkansas, where he was director of coaching and executive director for the Arkansas State Association since 1991. Boulton was a former coach in the Welsh Premier League in Great Britain. The Wildfire already have mo than last season, going 2-2 in their first four games of the season.

Top returning players include Gary Crompton, Justin Ceccarelli and Steve Cesneck, while top newcomers include Mark Heimgart Carlos Alberto.

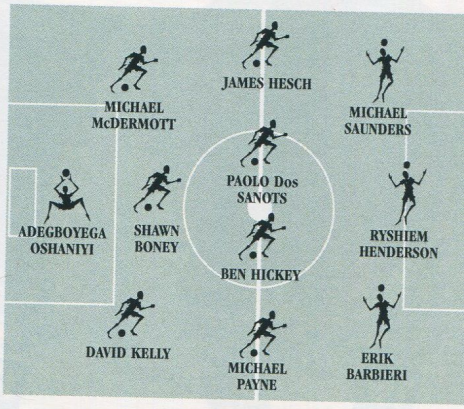
Did You Know...Soccer, Inc. operates two men's soccer clubs - the Wildfire in the A-League and the Cape Cod Crusaders in the Division III level. This allows players to develop and move up the profe ladder—from Division III to A-League to the MLS.

CONNECTICUT WOLVES
New Britain, Connecticut

Sunday, June 15 - 6:05 p.m.

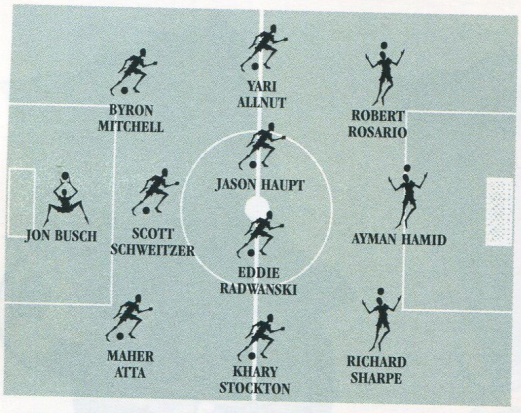
Owner and President: Cliff Onolfo
General Manager: Tom Jackson
Head Coach: Steve Stokoe
Assistant Coach: Ramiro Alzate

A-League member since: 1993 (USISL Select League)
1996 record: 14-11 overall
Colors: Blue Plaid, Black, White
Home Field: Veteran's Memorial Stadium - capacity: 10,000



Following a strong finish in 1996—including the club's first winning record after three losing seasons—the Wolves look to be a contender in the Northeast Division. Head Coach Steve Stokoe, a native of England, played two years for the Wolves and was a team captain. The Wolves won two of their first three games, with forward Michael Saunders scoring three goals in that span. Other returning veterans include goalkeeper John Voight, midfielder John Ball and defender David Kelly. Newcomers Ryshiem Henderson, a forward, and midfielder Ben Hickey will add offensive to the line-up.

Did You Know...The Wolves had two former players in the 1996 MLS Championship game - Curt Onalfo of the Los Angeles Galaxy and John Maessner of DC United. They were college roommates at the Uni of Virginia.



CAROLINA DYNAMO
Greensboro, North Carolina

Wednesday, June 25 - 7:35 p.m.

Owner and President: Neil Macpherson
General Manager: Buckley Andrews
Head Coach: Alan Dicks
Assistant Coach: Brian Japp

A-League member since: 1993 (USISL Select League)
1996 record: 20-7 overall
Colors: Red, White and Black
Home Field: A.J. Simeon Stadium - capacity: 14,500

Carolina looks to continue its winning ways as they reached the USISL Select League division championship last season. They wer 1996 Select League South Atlantic Division regular season champions, and they won both the 1993 and 1994 USISL Nat Championship.

Head Coach Alan Dicks led the Dynamo to the best regular season record in the Select League and was named Select League Coa the Year in only his second season. The Dynamo sprung to a 2-2 start for the 1997 season, with the help of veteran players Yari All a midfielder, forward Chugger Adair, defender Scott Schweitzer and goalkeeper Scott Garlick. Newcomers include Richard Sharpe, who played for the Colorado Rapids of the MLS last season and Robert Ros formerly of Nottingham Forest of the English Premier League.

Did You Know...in 1994, the Dynamo (then the Greensboro Dynamo) became the second team in USISL history to win back-to-back outdoor championships. The Colorado Comets were USISL out champions in 1989 and 1990.

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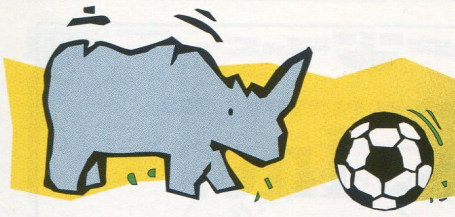

Rules of the Game

THE LINE-UP The official starting line-up must be submitted one hour before game time, with the starting 11 listed first and then the substitutes. Players include the goalkeeper, the defense (sweeper, stopper, backs, marking back), midfielders and forwards (wing, striker).

TIME The game is 90 minutes total, with two 45 minute halves, running time. After any scored goal the referee is to stop the time immediately and restart the time on the ensuing kick-off. If the regulation game time ends in a tie, one 15-minute, sudden-death overtime is played. If the game is still tied, a winner is determined by a shoot-out.

SHOOT-OUT To break a tie at the end of regulation play, each side takes five attempts in a one-on-one confrontation between a shooter and a goalkeeper. The shooter begins with the ball at the 35-yard line and the goalkeeper starts at his goal line. After the referee blows his whistle, the shooter has five seconds to score on the goalie. Unlike a penalty kick, a shooter may advance the ball forward before shooting and a goalkeeper can move off of his goal line. After five attempts if the result is still a tie, the shoot-out goes into sudden death. Meaning, that the next team to score and to stop their opponent from matching their goal wins.

SUBSTITUTIONS A team is allowed to substitute four field players and one goalkeeper during the game. Once a player has been substituted , he may not return to the game. If a player is injured and his team has used all four of their substitutions, he cannot be replaced with a substitute and the team must play a man down the rest of the game.

FOULS Each time a player is charged with a violation of the Laws of the Game, resulting in either a direct or indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team, he shall be charged with a foul. Cautions (yellow cards) and ejections (red cards) are recorded as fouls. At the referees discretion, he may elect not to call a foul if the receiving team has an advantage on the play.

DIRECT AND INDIRECT FREE KICKS A direct free kick is awarded for a foul such as pushing, holding, or tripping. An indirect free kick is awarded for infractions such as offsides, obstruction, and dangerous play. On a direct kick a player is allowed to score, however on an indirect kick the ball must be touched by another player before it crosses the goal line. A referee signals when a kick is indirect by raising his hand straight up until the ball makes contact with another player.

OFFSIDES Offsides occurs when a player without the ball is between the last defender and the opposition goal. The play is whistled dead when offsides occurs. Offsides is not considered a foul, but is a team statistic. Calling offsides is primarily the responsibility of the referees assistants (linesman). This call is subject to the referees discretion more than any other call in soccer.

SHOTS A shot is defined as any attempt which is ta clearly with the intent to score and is directed so th enters the goal; could have entered the goal if it had been prevented from doing so. A shot can be generate any body part other than the hand or arm. A cross centering pass is not a shot. A goalkeeper who intercep cross is not credited with a save.

GOALS A goal is scored when the whole ball has pas over the whole of the goal line, between the goal posts under the crossbar, provided it has not been thro carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm, b player of the attacking team, except in the case of goalkeeper, who is in his own penalty area. When a pla propels the ball into his own team's goal, regardless of original intent (back pass, bad clearance), a goal awarded to the opposing team. The goal is not credited the individual, it is recorded as an "own goal". If a s from an attacking player is deflected or mishandled into goal by the goalkeeper or deflected by a defender, attacking player is awarded the goal.

ASSISTS The player whose pass leads directly to scoring of the goal shall be credited with an assist. If a is scored after a series of uninterrupted passes by attacking team, the next-to-last pass is an assist. Only assist shall be awarded per goal scored.

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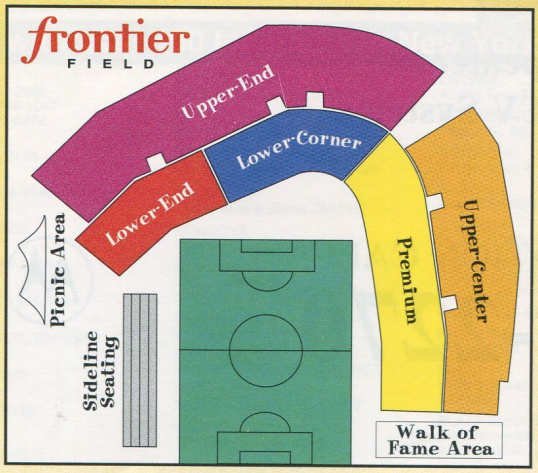

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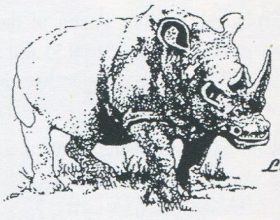

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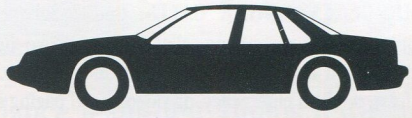

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Rhino fan guide to your soccer game night enjoyment

ACCESS: Frontier Field is easily accessible from route I-490; Exit from east or west bound I-490 onto Plymouth Avenue. The Main Gate and Ticket Office is located along Morrie Silver Way.

ATM: An Automated Teller Machine is available for use at Frontier Field.

CAMERAS: Fans may bring cameras or camcorders into Frontier Field for their personal use. However, we ask that you do not block anyone else's view of the game, or use flash attachments at any time.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCES: The Rhinos welcome the opportunity to speak to your group. The Rhinos Community Relations Department schedules appearances by players, members of the front office and the team mascot. Contact the Rhinos Community Relations Department for more information.

CONTAINER POLICY/ALCOHOL: Containers with food and/or beverages may not be brought into Frontier Field. Food and Drinks are sold throughout the Stadium for your enjoyment.

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS: Guest Services is available as a service to fans expecting emergency phone calls. Fans may leave their seat locations with Guest Services and they will be then contacted with the message. Due to the many requests, public address, medical emergency, or video board paging is not permitted.

FAN BEHAVIOR: Our code of behavior is simple - we would like you to enjoy the game in a manner that permits other fans around you to do the same. If your enjoyment is curtailed by rude behavior of fans near you, please report the problem to ushers or security personnel. If you are unsatisfied with the handling of a particular situation, we want to hear from you. Please call or write our offices, Rochester Raging Rhinos, 333 N. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N. Y. 14608. The phone number is (716) 454-KICK.

FIRST AID: For those requiring medical assistance for any reason, contact your section's usher or security personnel and they will escort you to the Frontier Field first aid station.

GAME TIMES: All Rhino home games will begin at 7:35 p.m., except Sunday games, which begin at 6:05 p.m. Check with the Frontier Field ticket window for exhibition/playoff game times. The gates to Frontier Field open one hour before game time. Both teams have a 20 minute warm-up session about 40 minutes before each game.

GROUP TICKETS: The Rhinos have special discounts available for group and multi-game purchases. Contact the Rhinos Group Sales Department at (716) 454-KICK.

GUEST SERVICES: Guest Services is available to all patrons of Frontier Field, it is located on the Main Concourse near the Main Gates. The Guest Services Booth operates from the time the Stadium opens until after the game ends. Fans may obtain information and assistance, offer suggestions or register complaints at the Guest Services Booth.

HANDICAPPED SEATING: Handicapped seating is available at Frontier Field. Please contact either Frontier Field Ticket Office or the Rhinos Office for information and assistance.

LOST AND FOUND: Contact the security person near your section and they will escort you to the Frontier Field Offices.

MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS: The Rhino Offices are located on site at Frontier Field at 333 North Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14608. Our phone number is (716) 454-KICK, and our fax number is (716) 454-5453. Fan mail for individual players and coaches should be sent to them directly at that address.

PETS: Pets are not allowed at Frontier Field. Guide dogs and seeing eye dogs are the exception, they are allowed in Frontier Field.

RADIO COVERAGE: WBBF (AM-950) is the flagship station of the Rhinos Radio Network, which covers all home and away games. WBER (FM-90.5) will also carry all of the Rhinos games this season. Don Stevens will be the play-by-play broadcaster, with Don Lalka providing the color commentary for all home games.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on all levels of the Stadium. Diaper changing areas are available in both the men's and women's rooms. A family (Unisex) restroom is available in the Main Concourse.

SMOKING: Smoking is only permitted in the designated areas along the Main Concourse.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Frontier Field provides many services and amenities to accommodate the needs of guests with disabilities. Information may be obtained at Guest Services.

SOUVENIRS: Various merchandise items, including hats, t-shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts and other Rhino gifts can be purchased at souvenir stands around Frontier Field or at the Rhinos Team Store. The Rhinos Team Store is located in the historic firehouse near the Walk of Fame. In addition, souvenir items can be purchased at the Rhino Business Offices during regular business hours. The Rhinos also have a merchandise brochure outlining items that can be purchased through the mail. Write or call the Rhinos Office for one.

TELEPHONES: Pay telephones are located on all levels throughout the Stadium. Two TTY telephones are also available on the Main Concourse level.

TELEVISION: Three of the Rhinos 28 regular season games will be televised live on The Prime Network, which is carried by The Empire Sports Network in the Rochester area. The Prime Network will carry an A-League Game of the Week. Most games will be carried live by the Empire Sports Network, with some games taped delayed.

TICKETS: Rhinos fans may purchase single-game tickets at the Frontier Field Ticket Window or by calling 423-9464.

Tickets at Frontier Field are:
$15.00 (Premium)
$12.00 (Upper-Center & Lower End)
$12.00 (Sideline)
$10.00 (Upper End)
$8.00 (Upper Corner)

Senior citizens tickets may be purchased at a $2.00 discount for any regular season home game. Group tickets may be purchased by calling the Rhinos Office at (716) 454-KICK.

TOURS: Frontier Field tours are conducted throughout the season. Fans get a chance to view different areas of the Stadium, the clubhouse, press box and the owner's suite. Fans will also receive information on the construction and the amenities of Frontier Field. Special group tours are also available. Please call (716) 262-2009.

WALK OF FAME: The Frontier Field Walk of Fame is a tribute to fans, players and media throughout Rochester's sports history. It is comprised of panels, each displaying a member of Rochester Sports Walk of Fame, surrounded by bricks with names of fans and businesses who support Rochester's rich tradition of sports history. Bricks can be purchased at the cost of $100.00 per brick, if interested in getting your name on a brick in the Walk of Fame call (716) 777-9642.

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FILL-INS

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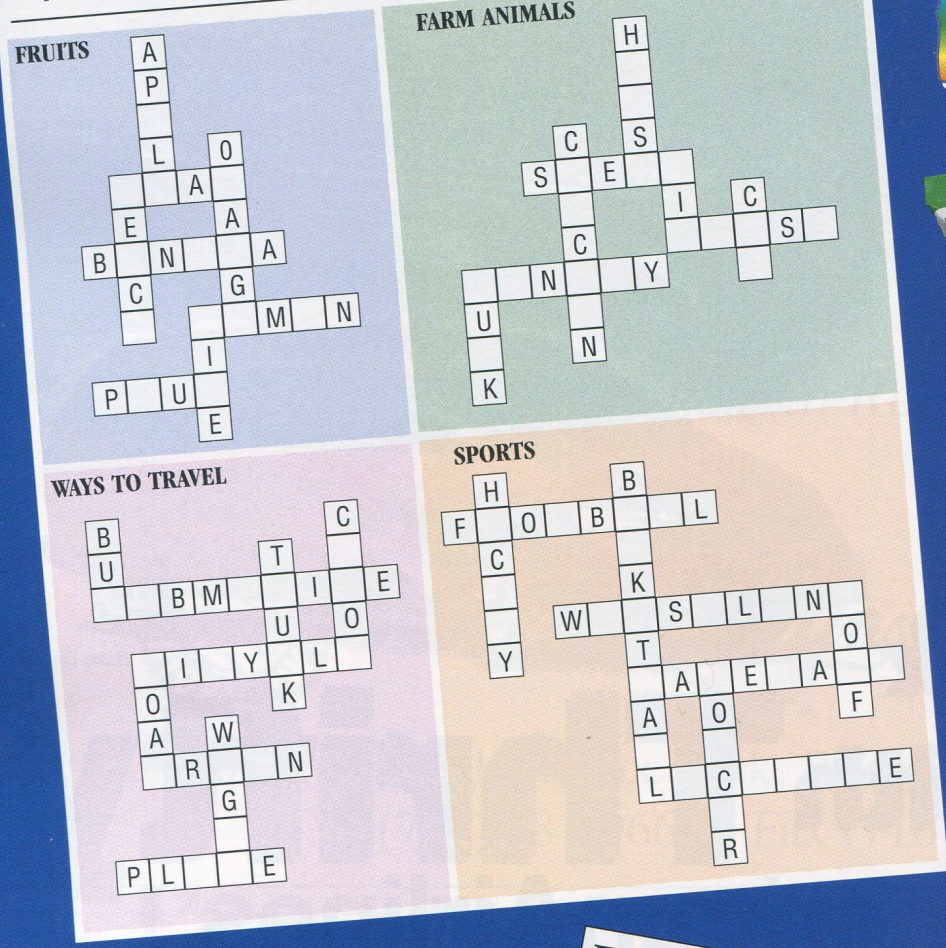

RIDDLE SEARCH

The names of the 15 fruits listed below are hidden in the grid of letters. Look across, back, down, up, and diagnally in t letters, and circle each fruit you discover. The word PLUM has been circled as an example.

When you've circled all the fruits, write the *unused* letters from the grid in the blank spaces at the bottom of the page. Kee the letters in order, from left to right and from top to bottom, and you'll discover the answer to this riddle: WHY DO BANANA EVER GET LONELY?

S	B	E	C	A	M	A	N	G	O
T	A	N	G	E	R	I	N	E	U
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ANSWER: _____

ANSWERS

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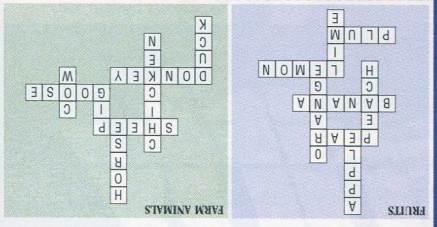

RIDDLE SEARCH

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T	A	N	G	E	R	I	N	E	U
R	S	P	L	E	T	M	H	E	R
A	Y	O	P	R	U	E	E	A	A
W	N	R	E	L	E	M	O	N	E
B	L	A	P	D	E	I	W	A	P
E	Y	N	A	S	A	L	I	N	E
R	B	G	R	U	N	T	C	H	A
R	E	E	G	Y	R	R	E	H	C
Y	S	W	E	D	Y	E	N	O	H

Riddle answer: BECAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS IN BUNCHES.

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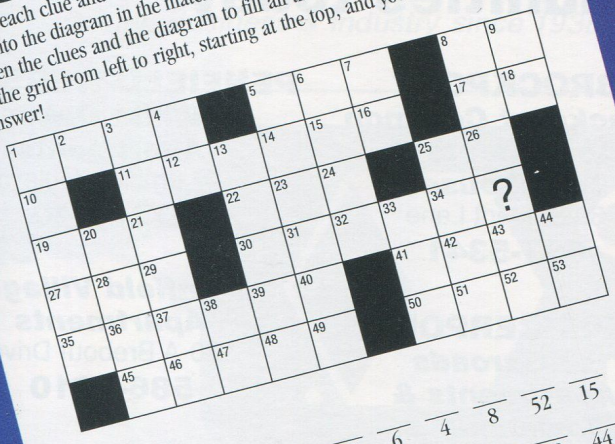
RIDDLE ACROSS-IT

Answer each clue and write the word on the numbered blanks. Then put each letter into the diagram in the matching numbered square. Work back and forth between the clues and the diagram to fill all the spaces. When you're finished, read the grid from left to right, starting at the top, and you'll find a riddle and its answer!



CLUES

A. Small — 33 6 4 8 52 15

B. Male Parent — 35 3 25 46 28 44

C. Not Soft — 2 23 16 5

D. Very Sloppy — 11 51 22 37 41

E. 4+ 4 = — 39 32 17 27 49

F. Little Red Riding — 14 19 42 7

G. Very Warm — 31 12 38

H. Opposite of Worst — 50 47 20 13

I. It's worn on the wrist — 1 36 53 30 9

J. A place where a family might live — 18 26 43 45 10

K. Not wet — 34 29 24

L. Number of "Little Indians" — 21 48 40

Tutti Frutti

Insert the name of a fruit in the blank space or spaces of each sentence.

1. An _____ a day keeps the doctor away.
2. "And a partridge in a _____ tree"
3. Raisins are made by drying _____.
4. The edible fruits of palm trees are _____ and _____.
5. Legend says George Washington chopped down a _____ tree.
6. Little Jack Horner put in his thumb and pulled out a _____.
7. The _____ received its name because it looks like a pine cone.
8. The _____ is a red, round, smooth fruit used as a vegetable.
9. A yellow citrus fruit is used to make _____ade.
10. The _____ is considered a favorite food of monkeys.
11. A popular dessert is _____ shortcake.
12. A tasty spread for toast is _____ marmalade.

ANSWERS

RIDDLE ACROSS-IT

W	H	A	T	■	D	I	D	■	T	H	■	■	■	■
E	■	M	O	T	H	E	R	■	G	H	■	■	■	■
O	S	T	■	S	A	Y	■	T	O	■	■	■	■	■
H	E	R	■	C	H	I	L	D	?	■	■	■	■	■
F	A	S	T	E	N	■	Y	O	U	R	■	■	■	■
■	S	H	E	E	T	■	B	E	L	T	■	■	■	■

A. little — G. hot
B. father — H. best
C. hard — I. watch
D. messy — J. house
E. eight — K. dry
F. hood — L. ten

TUTTI-FRUTTI

apple
pear
grapes
dates and coconuts
cherry
plum
pineapple
tomato
lemon
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strawberry
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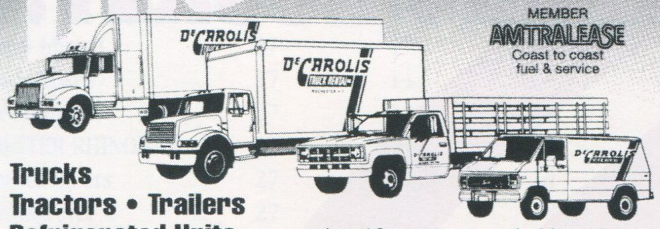

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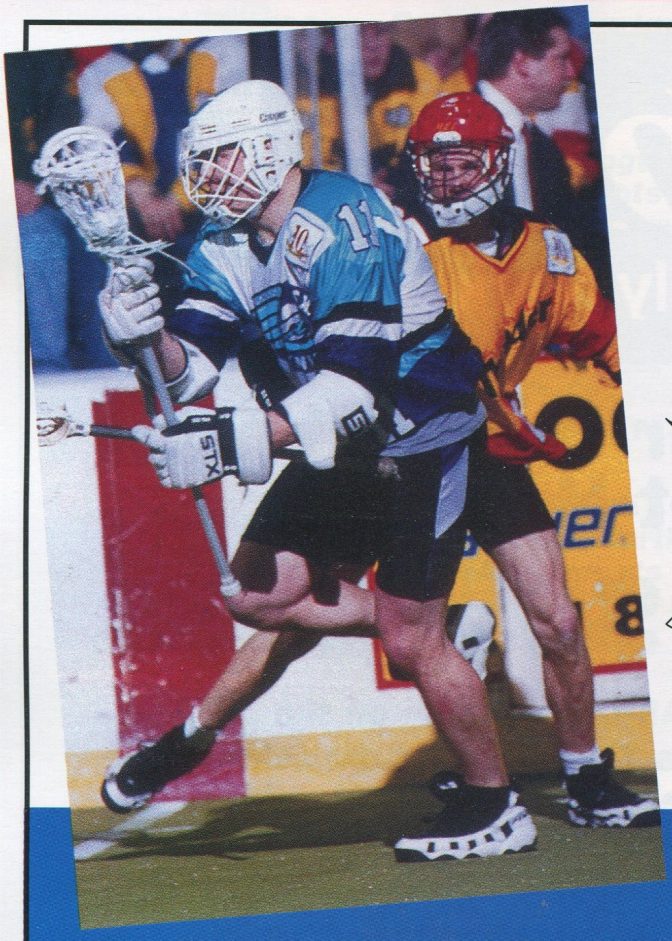

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Colorado Foxes	27	14	11	2	55	13	44 *
Seattle Sounders	27	12	11	4	25	25	40 *
ROCHESTER RHINOS	27	11	13	3	44	42	36 *
Vancouver 86'ers	27	10	14	3	38	38	33
New York Fever	27	6	18	3	30	40	21
Atlanta Ruckus	22	3	19	0	14	60	9

Note: Teams earn 3 points for a regulation win and 1 point for a Shootout Win.
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GOALKEEPERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GP/GS	MIN	SVS	GA	SO	GAA	W-L	SW
Paolo Ceccarelli	MON	26/26	2340	166	17	13	0.65	17.5	4
Marcus Hahnemann	SEA	27/27	2378	120	24	11	0.91	12-11	4
Trey Harrington	COL	27/27	2422	116	33	10	1.23	14-11	2
Paul Dolan	VAN	24/24	2119	132	30	7	1.27	9-13	2
Khalil Azmi	NY	8/8	720	54	11	2	1.38	1-6	1
BILL ANDRACKI	**ROC**	**27/27**	**2410**	**121**	**40**	**7**	**1.49**	**11-13**	**3**
Dave Barrueta	ATL	4/4	360	18	6	0	1.50	0-4	0
Peter Zaratin	NY	19/19	1710	75	29	3	1.53	5-12	2
Mun Young Yi	ATL	10/10	900	50	22	3	2.20	3-7	0
Zachery Shaw	ATL	3/3	270	14	11	0	3.67	0-3	0
Yaro Dachnewsky		4/4	360	18	18	0	4.50	0-4	0

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Wolde Harris	COL	17	8	42	Mauro Bielo	MON	6	3	15
DOUG MILLER	**ROC**	**18**	**2**	**38**	Walter Boyd	COL	5	5	15
Domenic Mobilio	VAN	14	4	32	Anthony McCreath	COL	5	5	15
LENIN STEENKAMP	**ROC**	**9**	**5**	**23**	**HECTOR MARINARO**	**ROC**	**4**	**7**	**15**
Carsten Siersbaek	COL	7	8	22	Chance Fry	SEA	6	2	14
Eddy Berdusco	MON	8	3	19	Jorge Acosta	NY	5	4	14
Lloyd Barker	MON	6	7	19	Joey Leonetti	SEA	6	2	14
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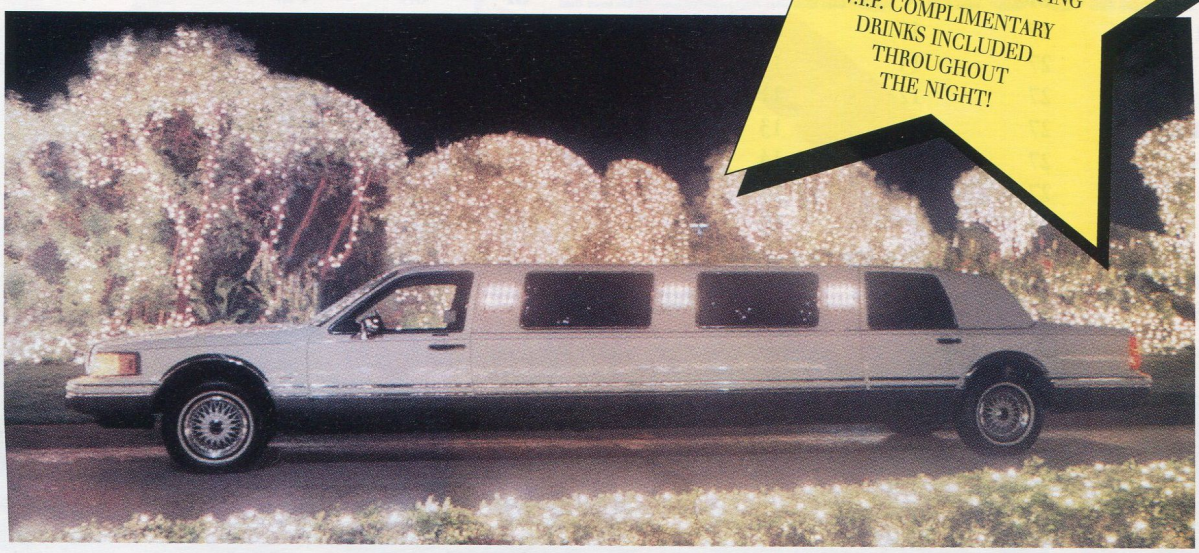

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Glossary of Terms

Advantage Clause Applied by the referee when, in his opinion, calling a foul would give an advantage to the offending team. No foul is called and the referee signals "play on."

Caution A disciplinary action taken by the referee against a player (or others) for persistent misconduct, dissent, ungentlemanly conduct or entering the field without permission. The offender is shown a yellow card; a second offense brings a red card and the player is sent off.

Center A ball passed from a wide position on the field into the penalty area. Also called a "cross."

Chip Pass lofted high over an opponent or opponents to a teammate.

Charge Use of the shoulder to force an attacker off-balance and gain possession of the ball.

Clearance A ball thrown (by the goalkeeper), kicked or headed by the defending team away from the its own penalty area.

Corner Kick Direct free kick taken by an attacking player from the corner of the defending teams end of the field. A corner kick is awarded if a ball was last touched by the defending team before going over the defending team's goal line (but not into the goal).

Defender Player who ordinarily is positioned near his own goal behind the midfielders and forwards and whose primary responsibility is the prevention of the opponent from scoring. Also called "fullback".

Direct Free Kick Usually awarded after a foul, a ball placed in a stationary position and which may be kicked directly into the opposition's goal without first being touched by another attacker. Corner kicks and penalty kicks are also direct free kicks.

Dribble Action of a player who advances the ball with a series of short taps with the feet.

Drop Ball Ball dropped by the referee between two opposing players to restart a game after a play has been stopped for a no penalty situation.

Ejection A disciplinary action taken by a referee against a player (or others) for violent conduct and/or serious foul play, foul or abusive language, or persistent misconduct after receiving a caution (yellow card). The offender is shown a red card and sent off the field. He may not be replaced by another player.

First-Time Pass Ball passed without the player first stopping it. Also called "one touch."

Forward Player who ordinarily is positioned ahead of the midfielders and whose primary responsibility is to create and score goals. An inside forward is called a "striker."

Goalkeeper Player who is positioned in his goalmouth and whose primary responsibility is the prevention of goals by the opposition. The goalkeeper may use his hands while he is in his own penalty area, and his uniform must contrast with those of the field players on both teams.

Goal Kick Indirect free kick taken by a defending player from the defending team's goal area. A goal kick is awarded when a ball was last touched by the attacking team before going over the defending team's goal line (but not into the goal).

Half-Volley Kick taken just as the ball bounces off the ground.

Hand Ball A ball touched illegally by a player's hand or arm.

Heading Use of the head; usually the forehead at the hairline to pass, shoot, clear or control the ball.

Indirect Free Kick Usually awarded after a minor infraction, a ball placed in a stationary position and which may not be kicked directly into the opposition's goal without first being touched by another attacker.

Kickoff A ball placed in the center spot at midfield and kicked forward by an attacking player; used to start the game at the beginning of each half and after a goal has been scored. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.

Lineman Two officials, each equipped with a flag, who assists the referee from the touchlines by signaling offside, when a ball has gone out of bounds and when a foul has been committed. The referee may choose not to act on a lineman's goal.

Mark Guarding an attacking player.

Midfielder Player who ordinarily is positioned in front of the defenders and behind the forwards, whose primary responsibility is to create a link between the defenders and forwards. Also called "halfback."

Nutmeg A ball played by an attacking player between the legs of a marker and retrieved by the same attacking player.

Obstruction Action of a player who impedes an opponent by standing in or moving into his path without attempting to play the ball.

Offside Position of an attacking player if he is between his opponent's goal line and the ball when the ball is played unless he is on his own half of the field or two opponents are no farther from the goal line than is the attacking player. A player cannot be offside if he receives the ball directly from a corner kick, goal kick, throw-in or drop the ball situation.

Offside Trap Maneuver by a defense whereby the defenders move toward the opposing team's goal during an attack by the opposition to catch at least one attacker in an offside position.

Overlap An attacking run by a defender that carries him past his own midfielders.

Penalty Kick Direct free kick from the penalty spot after a major foul has been committed by the defending team in its own penalty area. The opposing goalkeeper must remain stationary on his goal line between the goal posts and all other players must be outside the penalty area and the able is kicked by an attacking player.

Overtime and Penalty-Kick Tiebreaker A feature of the A-League that comes into play when a match is tied after 90 minutes of regulation time. Two extra periods of 7 minutes each are played; the match ends when a goal is scored. If no goal is scored, a penalty-kick tie-breaker is held. Each team takes five penalty kicks on an alternating basis. If the teams remain tied, the teams alternate penalty kicks until one team scores and the other fails to score.

Referee The official in charge of the match. Primary responsibilities are to protect the players and serve as official timekeeper.

Save A ball caught, deflected, or otherwise prevented by the goalkeeper from going into the goal.

Shield A dribbler who prevents an opponent from taking the ball by keeping himself between an opponent and the ball.

Shot The kicking or heading of the ball toward the goal with the intention of scoring.

Square Pass A lateral pass.

Stopper A central defender whose primary responsibility is to mark the opposing center forward or striker.

Sweeper A defender who is free to roam in front of and/or behind his team's defensive line.

Tackle An attempt to dispossess an attacker of the ball. A common tackle is the slide tackle, which involves a sliding attempt to kick away the ball.

Through Pass Pass that travels toward the goal between two or more defenders to a teammate, putting him in a position to score.

Throw-In A throw executed by an attacking player from outside the touchline. A throw-in is awarded against the team that last touched the ball before it crossed a touchline. The player taking the throw-in must throw the ball onto the field over his head using both hands; he must also keep both feet on the ground either outside or on the touchline.

Trap The use of the foot, thigh, chest, etc., by a player to bring a ball under control.

Volley Kick taken before a ball bounces on the ground.

Wall A line of three or more players positioned at least ten yards from the ball; used to help defend against a free kick.

Wall Pass Pass in which an attacker sends the ball to a teammate (the "wall") who immediately plays the ball back to the attacker who has to run to an open space. Also called "give and go" or "one-two."

Wing Area of the field near the touchlines.

Winger An outside forward. Outside defenders are sometimes called "wingbacks."

4-4-2 A team formation that has four defenders, three midfielders, and three forwards.

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Last season, Doug Miller was the A-League's leading goal scorer. His team reached both the A-League and U.S. Open Cup finals in its inaugural season. He recorded three hat tricks during the regular season, including one at the first-ever sporting event at Frontier Field. The question for the 1997 soccer season is - what can Rochester Raging Rhinos forward Doug Miller do for an encore?

The 28-year-old native of Newark, New Jersey, is determined to top last season's outstanding performance. Miller has his sights set on a division title, both an A-League and U.S. Open Cup championship, another scoring title, and an All-Star appearance at Frontier Field.

Pretty high goals, don't you think. But one of the team's most popular players has always set the bar high.

Miller believes the Rhinos will be the target of other A-League teams this year because of last season's success and the new players signed during the off-season.

"Everybody's going to be gunning for us because of our success last year," Miller said. "It will be a matter of us staying focused, staying together, and getting the job done. If you don't set goals for yourself, you're never going to achieve what you want to."

Although Miller, who played for the indoor NPSL's Buffalo Blizzard this past winter, said he is not completely healthy after an injury-plagued indoor season, he still believes he can lead the A-League in scoring for a second consecutive season. Miller suffered a stress fracture of his tibia, a pulled hamstring and injuries to his big toe while playing for the Blizzard. Although Miller says his hamstring is still bothering him, he believes he is "close to 100 percent" and ready for this season.

Miller said he enjoys playing outdoor soccer more than indoor because the outdoor game offers more excitement and because he loves playing in front of the Rochester fans, who he described as "fanatical." Miller recently moved to Rochester to live full-time, where he has his own youth soccer camp. His popularity also extends to the Rochester media, where he has made appearances on the Soccer Sam Show and WCMF-FM radio.

"I love it here," Miller said. "Rochester has been fantastic to me. I enjoy giving back to the community. The camp is a good situation for the kids and the community. It was an easy decision to move here and make a home."

While he looks forward to the upcoming Rhinos season, Miller can't help but look back at the many great memories from the magical 1996 season, including the Frontier Field home opener against Montreal, where he single-handedly brought the Rhinos back from a 2-0 deficit by scoring a three-goal hat trick in the second half, including the game-winner with less that two minutes left in the game.

"If I were to write a script for the season, I don't think I could have done it any better than the way it turned out. It was fantastic," he said.

But Miller knows he and his Rhinos teammates cannot rely on last season's success to catapult them to a championship season this year.

"This is a new year, everything in the past is gone," he said.

At the start of this season, the Rhinos were missing six of their players, who were still playing with their indoor teams, and began with five games on the road before returning to Frontier's friendly confines. Miller said there is some similarity between the beginning of last season and the start of this one, pointing out that the Rhinos were missing several key players to start their inaugural season.

"Sure, we'd like to go 5-0 to start the season, but if we go 4-1, I think that would be respectable," Miller said. "Then we can put on a great show at the home opener in front of 15,000 people."

One of the things Miller would like to do this season that he was unable to do last year is make the A-League's Eastern Conference All-Star team and play in the A-League All-Star game, which will be held at Frontier Field, July 15. Even though Miller made the All A-League team last season, the A-League did not have an All-Star game as part of its season.

"For me to play in the All-Star game, that would be a goal for me," Miller said. "To be an All-Star is well within my reach. I just have to do the things I do well, and that's to put the ball in the back of the net."

Miller, as an American born player, has an interest in the success of the game in his own country. Despite the popularity of soccer in Rochester, Miller said the sport's popularity has been slow to expand throughout the rest of the country, but he believes soccer will become a great success.

"Soccer is the world's most popular sport," Miller said. "Hopefully, it will get as big in the United States as the other major sports are."

Last season, the Rhinos defeated two MLS teams — the league-leading Tampa Bay Mutiny and the Colorado Rapids — before falling to D.C. United in the final round of the U.S. Open Cup Tournament. Miller said there is not much difference in talent between the MLS and A-League teams and that Rochester could be a MLS franchise.

"The Rhinos could play in the MLS and compete for the title," Miller said. "Overall, the team has played well against MLS teams, and I've had a lot of success in the big games. They are certainly a lot of fun to play in".

Miller said that although he has thought about playing in the MLS, he is happy to stay in Rochester. He said that playing here provides him with a lot of perks, including his soccer camp and his high profile in the community.

"Money's not everything," Miller said. "It's where you play and if you're happy there. I'm definitely happy here in Rochester, and I hope that my success continues on the field."

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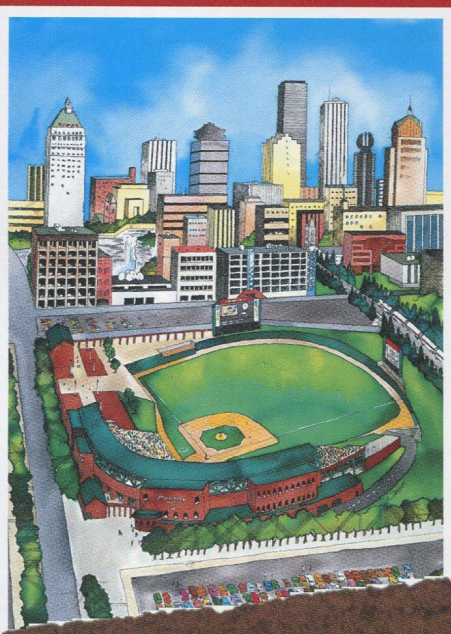

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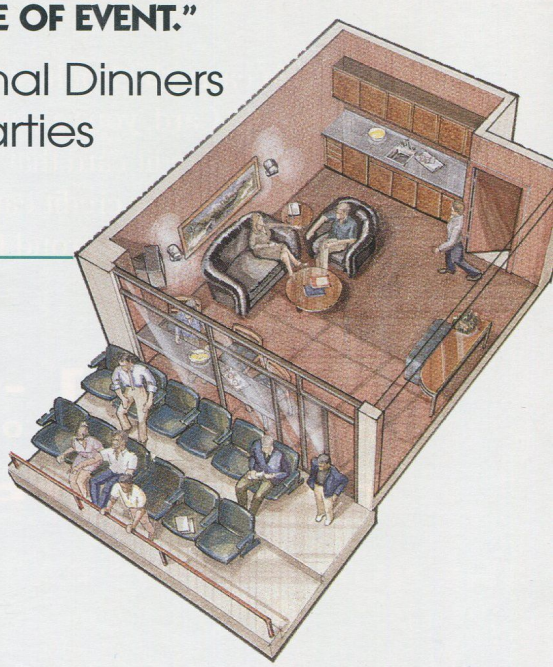

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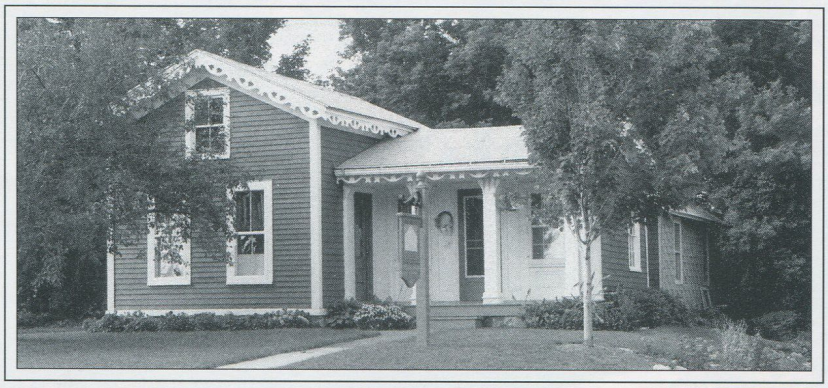

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Chris McVicker, President of the Flanders Group, is one of the Rhinos' biggest supporters. McVicker wanted to contribute to the Rhinos success both on and off the field in a different way. In chatting with Rhinos CEO Steve Donner, McVicker had the idea of commissioning a piece of art to honor the team's best player. A close friend of Ms. Taylor, McVicker gave her the challenge of sculpting a rhino. No easy task, but Mary's specialty is sculpting nature and animals, so she went to work.

The end result is an exquisite rendition of a charging rhino, full of power and grace.

"The Rhino", to be displayed at all home games and at the team's offices at Frontier Field, weighs approximately 50 pounds and was crafted by hand. A solid wooden base will hold the names of each most valuable player, as selected by his teammates. Rene Rivas, the Rhinos all-star mid-fielder, will be the first to have his name inscribed on the trophy, as he was the team's best player in their inaugural season last year. Each winner will receive a smaller rendition of the sculpture to keep.

The trophy was unveiled on April 5, 1997 at the Golden Lynx Gallery in Mendon. McVicker, Taylor, Rivas and friends were all there to marvel at the sculpture, a new tradition in the history of the Rochester Raging Rhinos.

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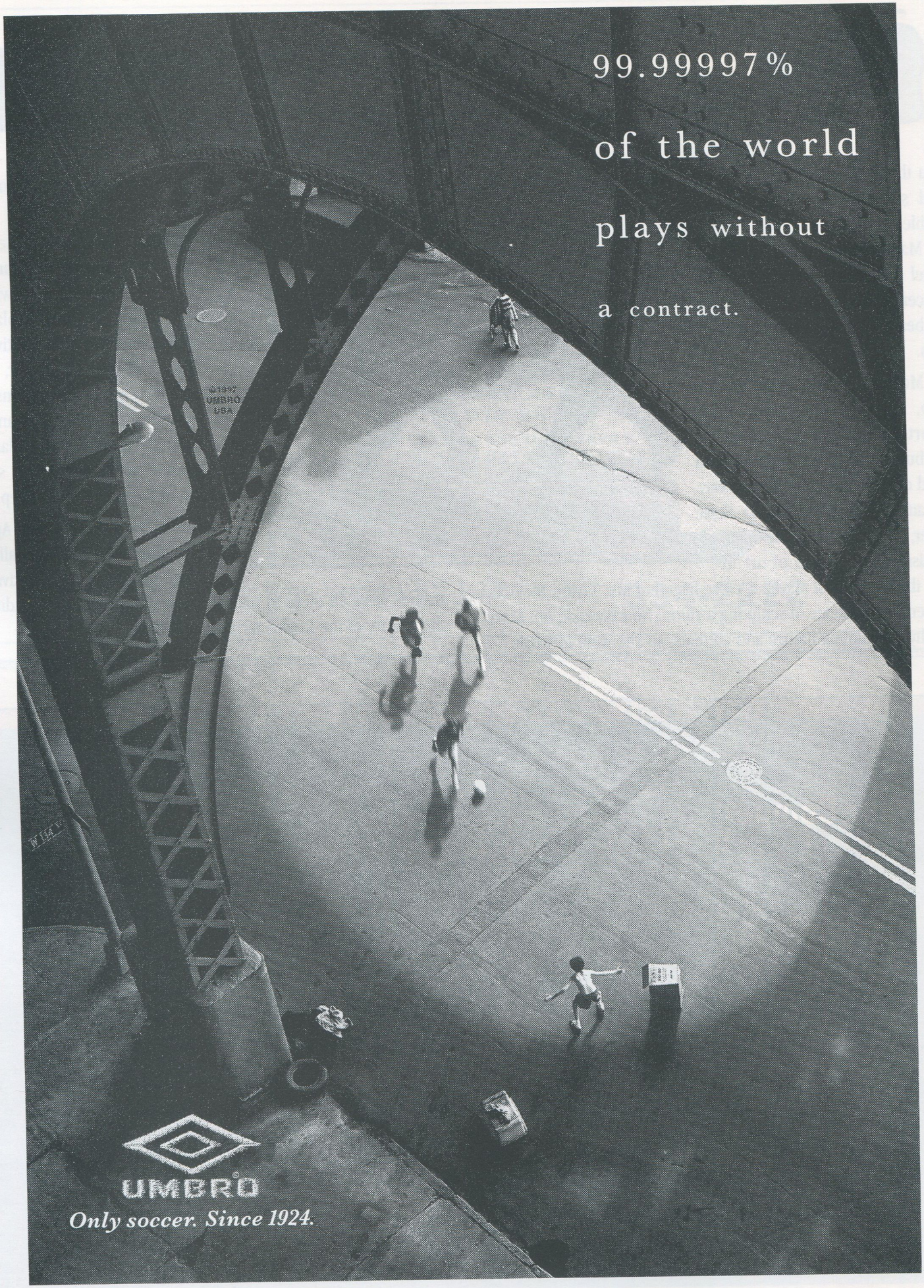
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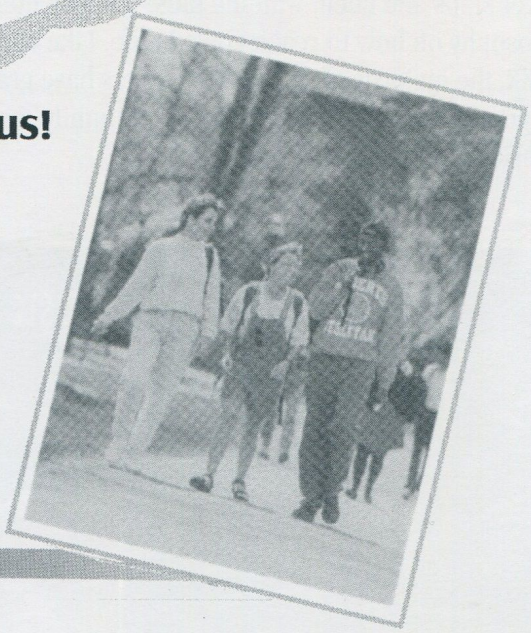
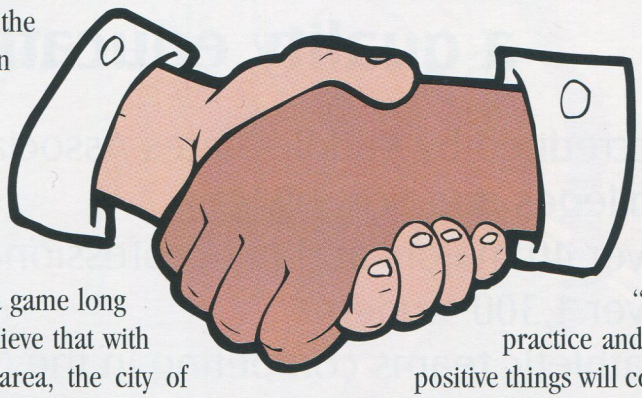


Working Together

WDKX and the Rhinos are teaming up to make the game of soccer fun and exciting.

When Andrew A. Langston was growing up in Georgia, he used to caddie at a local golf course. He observed how the men would swing the club, chip around the greens and line up their putts to finish the hole out. To this day, Langston uses the power of observation to help his golf game (he's a scratch golfer), and teach a very important lesson to today's youth.

Langston, owner of Rochester radio station WDKX-FM, is a firm believer that sports has a positive effect on youth. That's why he is excited that professional soccer is back in town, and he wholeheartedly supports the Rochester Raging Rhinos of the American Professional Soccer League.



"I'm glad that the Rhinos are here in Rochester," says Langston. "It's another sporting and entertainment alternative for the kids in the summertime. The lesson I try to tell kids is if you watch a game long enough, then you can do it. I really believe that with all of the kids playing soccer in the area, the city of Rochester will embrace the Rhinos and welcome pro soccer back."

Langston, who named his radio station after Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, - WDKX - is a firm believer that giving back to the community is a priority number one for all of his businesses, especially the radio station. After 22 years on the air, WDKX is a ladder in providing community support in Rochester.

"I love when the different communities of this area mix together in an atmosphere of fun and partnership," continues Langston. "Soccer is a world-wide sport, the one game in the world that really brings everyone together for the good of the game. I know that kids of all races and backgrounds will be attending Rhino games this summer. More importantly, the Rhinos are making a commitment back to the community by reaching out with their players and staff by holding clinics and games for the kids. It's another outlet in the city for kids to use their energy in a positive way."

WDKX and the Rhinos will partner this summer in many projects aimed at youth soccer and the involvement of people of all colors. Soccer is a team sport, and what better game to shoe that if you work together, good things will happen.

"Everyone can learn to play—if you listen, practice and keep the mind and body in shape, only positive things will come from the experience," says Langston. "The players on the Rhinos, they know that practice and positive thoughts only help their game. That is what they need to teach the kids."

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USISL Facts & Rules

◆ The USISL consists of six leagues – five for adults – with 137 teams in 38 states and three provinces of Canada. Each of the four outdoor leagues within the USISL system operates under the same general rules:

◆ Clubs may carry 26 players on their rosters and designate 18 on their active game-day roster. For U.S.-based teams, 13 players on an active roster must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; in Canada, 15 players on the active roster must be Canadian citizens.

◆ Five substitutions are allowed per game (no re-entry) – that is four field players and a goalkeeper. The W-League will operate under a modification of this substitution rule.

◆ All games are comprised of 90 minutes (two 45-minute halves), with one 15-minute, sudden-death overtime to be played in cases of ties. If a game is tied after overtime, a shootout will ensue, with each team having five chances to score. In a shootout, an offensive player starts 35 yards from the goal and has five seconds to dribble, shoot and score, one-on-one against the opposing goalkeeper.

◆ Three points in the standings are awarded for a victory in regulation time or overtime. One point is awarded for a shootout win. No points are awarded for losses, including shootout losses.

◆ Rule changes for all USISL leagues, adopted by FIFA, soccer's international governing body, for 1997 include: 1. A goalkeeper may move laterally along the goal line prior to the striking of a penalty kick, but may not move forward until the ball is struck by the shooter; 2. A goal may be scored directly from a kickoff or goal kick; 3. An indirect free kick will be awarded if a goalkeeper picks up the ball with his hands after receiving a throw-in from a teammate; 4. To reduce delay of the game, goalkeepers may not hold the ball more than six seconds or an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opponent.

◆ USISL rule: Defenders must stand at least 15 yards back from the ball on free kicks.

◆ The A-League will be linked to the rest of the USISL structure through a promotion system which entitles the USISL Division III champion to be promoted to the A-League, provided that the team to be promoted meets criteria set by the USISL and the U.S. Soccer Federation. The 1997 USISL D3 Pro League champion will be eligible for promotion to the A-League for 1998. Relegation may also be added at some future date, but will not be enacted in 1997.

College stars thrive in PDSL

The Premier Development Soccer League (PDSL), the third level of the three men's outdoor leagues in the USISL system, begins its ninth season in 1997 with a revised name – it was known as the "USISL Premier League" in the past – but retains an unwavering commitment to the development of soccer.

Many PDSL players aspire to compete at the professional level, and within the USISL's integrated pyramid structure, the opportunity not only exists, but has become a reality for scores of players over the years. Scores of PDSL players will return to their college campuses after the season, but next summer they'll be back for another year of PDSL action, enhancing their chances of a professional career after college.

The PDSL offers players a chance to compete in an adult, national league while retaining their college eligibility. The PDSL is the top-level amateur soccer league in the U.S. and the only amateur league operating on a national scale. It is affiliated with the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association.

The PDSL includes 30 teams in 1997. They will play 16 "league" games and a handful of non-league games between April and July, with the championship game Aug. 9 or 10.

The Central Coast Roadrunners of San Luis Obispo, Calif. defeated the San Francisco Bay Seals 1-0 in the 1996 USISL Premier League Championship Game Aug. 18.

Dennis Brose of the Michigan Madness executes a bicycle kick during a halftime exhibition at the 1996 Umbro/USISL All-Star Game in Blaine, Minn. Brose scored the only goal for the Pro/Premier All-Stars, who were defeated 6-1 by the Select League All-Stars.

Photo by Phil Stephens

W-League: Women's field of dreams

Women who play soccer used to have nowhere to continue playing the game after college. The W-League changed all that.

Started as a pilot program in 1994, the W-League embarks on its fourth year and third full season in 1997, when it will field 32 teams in 21 states. They will play a minimum of 10 games between May and July, followed by a national tournament the first weekend in August. The W-League has amateur status, but some of its players are professionals and it is currently the highest level of competitive soccer for women in the U.S. There is presently no professional soccer league for women.

The popularity of women's soccer has grown exponentially over the past few years, fueled in part by the success of the U.S. Women's National Team, which captured the gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

And this year, the W-League will expand its scope to include members of the U.S. Women's National Team player pool on its teams. The USISL has committed to pursuing the necessary commercial sponsorship dollars to make this possible.

Women's soccer is currently one of the fastest-growing college sports in the U.S. and the number of boys and girls participating in soccer at the high school level is almost equal. Over the last several years, the Amateur Division of the U.S. Soccer Federation has seen a growth in adults – especially women – registering as amateur players.

The Maryland Pride defeated the Dallas Lightning 3-0 in the 1996 W-League Championship Game on Aug. 11.

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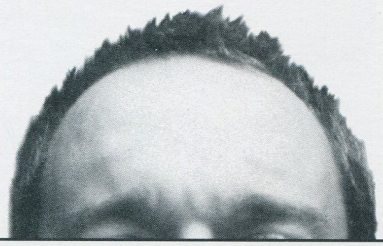

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1996 USISL Select League Champion California Jaguars

The California Jaguars won the 1996 USISL Select League National Championship title. The Jaguars defeated the Richmond Kickers 2-1 in a shootout to capture the title.

1997 USISL Alignment

A-LEAGUE

Western Conference

Pacific Division
California Jaguars
Colorado Foxes
El Paso Patriots
Orange County Zodiac
Seattle Sounders
Vancouver 86ers

Central Division
Atlanta Ruckus
Milwaukee Rampage
Minnesota Thunder
Nashville Metros
New Orleans Riverboat Gamblers
Orlando Sundogs

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division
Carolina Dynamo
Charleston Battery
Hershey Wildcats
Jacksonville Cyclones
Raleigh Flyers
Richmond Kickers

Northeast Division
Connecticut Wolves
Long Island Rough Riders
Montreal Impact
Rochester Rhinos
Toronto Lynx
Worcester Wildfire

D3 PRO LEAGUE

North Central Division
Chicago Stingers
Cleveland Caps
Indiana Blast
Rockford Raptors

West Division
Arizona Aztecs
Chico Rooks
Hawaii Tsunami
Los Angeles Fireballs
Reno Rattlers
Sacramento Scorpions
San Fernando Valley Eagles
San Francisco Bay Seals
Stanislaus County Cruisers

South Central Division
Albuquerque Geckos
Austin Lone Stars
Dallas Toros
Houston Hurricanes
San Antonio Pumas
Tulsa Roughnecks

Northeast Division
Cape Cod Crusaders
Central Jersey Riptide
N.Y. Capital District Alleycats
New Hampshire Phantoms
North Jersey Imperials
Rhode Island Stingrays
Vermont Wanderers

Mid-Atlantic Division
Baltimore Bays
Delaware Wizards
New Jersey Stallions
Philadelphia Freedom
Reading Rage
South Jersey Barons
Wilmington Hammerheads

South Atlantic Division
Charlotte Eagles
Daytona Tigers
Florida Strikers
Mobile Revelers
Myrtle Beach Seadawgs
South Carolina Shamrocks

PREMIER DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE

Northwest Division
Bellingham Orcas
Cascade Surge
Puget Sound BigFoot
Spokane Shadow
Yakima Reds

Southwest Division
Central Coast Roadrunners
San Gabriel Valley Highlanders
Southern California Chivas
Tucson Amigos

North Central Division
Detroit Dynamite
Grand Rapids Explosion
Kalamazoo Kingdom
Michigan Madness
Mid Michigan Bucks

Central Division
Colorado Springs Stampede
Des Moines Menace
Lincoln Brigade
Omaha Flames
Sioux City Breeze
Twin Cities Tornado

Mid-South Division
Alabama Saints
Chattanooga Express
Cincinnati Riverhawks
Jackson Chargers
Lexington Bluegrass Bandits

Southeast Division
Cocoa Expos
Miami Breakers
South Florida Future
Southwest Florida Manatees
West Florida Fury

W-LEAGUE

West Division
California Storm
Denver Diamonds
Fort Collins Force
NorCal Shockwaves
San Francisco Night Hawks
Silicon Valley Red Devils
Southern California Nitemares

Midwest Division
Chicago Cobras
Cleveland Eclipse
Columbus Ziggx
Indiana Blaze
Madison Freeze
Rockford 'Dactyls

Northeast Division
Boston Renegades
Buffalo Ffillies
Connecticut Lady Wolves
Long Island Lady Riders
New York Magic
Rhode Island Rays
Rochester Ravens

South Division
Alabama Angels
Atlanta
Carolina Speed
Dallas Lightning
Jackson Calypso
Tampa

Mid-Atlantic Division
Central Jersey Splash
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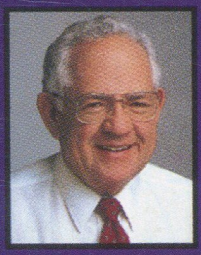

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